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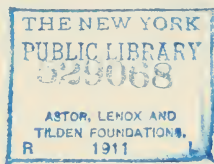


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*of the*  
BLETHEN FAMILY



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## INTRODUCTION.

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RESEARCH PROMOTED BY WILLIAM W. BLIVEN, ESQ.

William W. Bliven, Esq., New York, began a research for the genealogy of the Blethen family, thinking that the Blethens and the Blivens were of the same ancestry. But after much correspondence with Blethens and officials, and the expenditure of seventy-five dollars in cash, he came to the conclusion that he was not on the track of his ancestors.

His correspondence had brought him in touch with Colonel Alden Joseph Blethen, President of The Times Printing Company and Editor-in-Chief of The Daily Times, Seattle, Washington, who paid Mr. Bliven his cash expenditure for Blethen genealogy and took upon himself the work of co-ordinating and publishing the material collected.

Among others, Mr. Bliven, in 1896, employed Mary E. Arvedson, Assistant Librarian of Essex Institute, Salem, Massachusetts, and George Arvedson, "Competent Guide to Salem, Massachusetts," to make researches in Salem, Lynn, Boston, etc., in public and private records and libraries.

As the older generations of Blethens were members of the Society of Friends, and as it was the tradition that their immigrant ancestor was a member of that sect and lived in Massachusetts, Mr. Arvedson examined the an-

cient records of the Quakers at Lynn, Massachusetts. The Friends were extremely careful of their ancient documents and had them preserved in a safe in their church. After several unsuccessful attempts to get access to them he finally succeeded and on the first day found nothing, except, as he passed a book back to the watchful custodian, he saw the names "John and Jane Blethen" and reference to something they had done wrong. His second attempt he relates as follows:

Salem, July 10, '97.

Wm. W. Bliven, Esq.

Dear Sir: I have just returned from Lynn, Mass., where I have just put on another day at the terrible old records. I thought everything was arranged; that the new man would open the safe at once. He was in doubt what was best to do. The records are so valuable, he did not like to take the responsibility. I told him I had seen the other two who had charge; that I had the young lady, who was well known in Lynn, to look after their interest; and then there were men at work replacing the seats, one of whom was a Brother Quaker. I told him if he got through before I did that I would pay him for the extra time he would have to stay. I began to think that the prospect of what might be before me was lost, just as he got the safe open and very reluctantly passed one book. As it was the one I had been through, no more until it was passed back, when the true old Quaker came in and I had it to suit me. It was nothing but perseverance that conquered. I soon got the right side of the man who was at work, by speaking of a name that turned out to be one of his ancestors over two hundred years ago. He then says: "That work you are doing is as much of

a trade that takes time to learn as his trade of a carpenter."

The first I found—Marriage Certificate—1704-5:

"Elizabeth Blethen, dau. of John Blethen (and) Isaac Chase of Swansea.

Witnesses: Sarah Blethen  
John Blethen  
Abigail Blethen  
Hannah Blethen

and quite a number of other names.

"1714, 16, 10.

*Certificate.*

Sam'l Pope and Sarah Estes.

Geane Blethen, one of the witnesses.

He examined the Quakers' Quarterly and Monthly Record Book (in bad shape).

"At our men and womans meeting held at Joseph Boyces house the 6th day of the 5th month, 1680, a committee of Daniel Southwick and Bro. Gaskill go to John and Jane Blethen and others and to deal with those contrary spirited people for their disorderly walking and keeping on their hats and continuing sitting in the time when Friends of Ministry are at prayer to Almighty God, and other disorderly things which the above said people are guilty of, which is contrary to the truth and practice of the Lord's people and so you are desired to return their answers to the next monthly meeting held in house of Joseph Boyce."

"Salem, 6th day, 6th month, 1680, the Committee reported left them very stubborn and obstinate refusing to give plain answers according to the truth, except John Blethen, who gave some small satisfaction upon which Josiah Southwick and Bro. Gaskill was desired by the

meeting the same time while the meeting sat, to go to John Blethen for a further satisfaction to whom his answers, which was done accordingly, and Josiah Southwick and Bro. Gaskill answer was as follows: 'We have been with John Blethen, he will give us no satisfaction or either will he acknowledge that he hath done anything contrary to the truth.'

"One of the attendants at the meeting at house of Sam Collins, Lynn, 18th day 5 mo. 1689, was John Blethen. Thomas Maul lay before this meeting his aggrievances sustained by Jacob Allen in his business relating to his vessel. John Blethen and Daniel Southwick is desired and appointed by the meeting to go to him and know his mind whether he will come to any agreement freely, without any further trouble & so may be decided without going to Law, or either to lay it to the judgment of friends and buy vessel wholly to himself or else to sell his part to Thos. Maul. John Blethen & Daniel Southwick, is decided by the meeting to return their answer the next 7th day ensuing the above date."

Among the Record of Quakers at Lynn, Mass., there is a record of a Quaker Meeting held at the house of Samuel Collins May 18, 1689, when the following named persons were present: Thomas Maul, Daniel Southwick, John Blethen, William Williams, Samuel Gaskins, Jr., Samuel Collins, Thomas Graves, Edward Gaskins and James Goodridge.

Mr. Arvedson next notes in his letter the following entries:

"28th 5 mo, 1689.

To our friends & brethern in Rhode Island or elsewhere.  
(Signed by) Rob't Stone, Sam Robinson, John Thomas



Graves, Wm. Williams, Tho. Maul, James Goodridge, Josiah Southwick, John Blethen.

Lynn, 13th 7 mo, 1689, house of Sam Collins. John Blethen with others took principal part in all meetings; this to raise a contribution for hire of travelling Friends horses and house. amount raised 28 shillings.

John Blethen and Dan'l Southwick to go to Jacob Allen to give satisfaction & a paper of condemnation to the world to clear the said James Goodridge from those slanders cast upon him.

A public testimony was given against Jacob Allen in connection with James Goodridge above."

"A meeting was held at Newport, R. I. 4 mo, 1700."

"A meeting was held 8-6, 1689, at John Blethen's and a certificate granted to well beloved friend James Goodridge."

"From this time the name (John Blethen) goes out of existence, although there are quite a number of leaves gone soon after this date."

"I believe I have given you everything at last that I can find.

"I was a little surprised to find: 13, 3, 1714, upon the building of a new meeting house in Salem, permission had to be asked for from the Friends Society in Rhode Island.

\* \* \*

I remain, yours very truly,

GEO. ARVEDSON.

(WILL)

In the name of God, Amen. I, John Blithen, Sr. of Salem in ye County of Essex in N. E. doe make & ordaine this my Last Will and Do Admit being sick & weak in body but sound & of perfect memory and of a Disposing mind,

First & principally I resign my soul into ye hands of Almighty God that gave it and my Body I recommend to ye Earth to be Decently buried by ye Discretion of my Executor here named and as for my worldly estate which ye Lord hath Lent me I give dispose in manner & form following:

Item I Give unto my well beloved wife Jane Blithen the one half of my Real Estate during her natural Life & after her decease to my Son John Blithen & his heirs for ever - - - -

Item I Give unto my Son John Blithen the other Halfe of my Real Estate after my decease to be to him & his heirs forever.

Item I give unto my five daughters namely Jane, Elizabeth, Sarah, Abigaile & Hannah, Seven pounds a piece to be pd by my son or such as by Improvement the Estate shall produce within one year after my decease to them of my daughters yt are of age and to you which are not within one year after they Come to age.

Item I Give unto my said Wife the whole of my movable

Goods or Estate during her widowhood but If she should be married & change her Condition then the Said movable goods to be Equally Divided between her & my son John.

Item I appoint my Loving wife & my son John Blithen Joynt Executors of this my Last will & that they pay Equally between them all my Just Debts & funeral Charges Revoking all other former wills here to fore made or Done. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto put my hand & seale this Eight day of November 1704.

Witnesses present

John Loomes  
John Trask, junr  
George Locker  
Feb. 19, 1704-5

John Blithen (seal)

Essex ss

Before the Hon<sup>ble</sup> John Appleton <sup>esq</sup>  
Judge of Y<sup>e</sup> probates of Wills &c In <sup>sd</sup>  
County. John Loomes John Trask junr  
George Locker all of Salem

personally appeared & made oath They were present & saw Jno Blithen of sd Salem Do sign & seale the above Instrument & Declare it to be his Last Will & Testament & wn he so Did he was of a disposing mind to the best of yr Discerning yet yy all sett yr hands as witnesses in his presence. Upon wh this will is proved & approved & allowed being presented by Jn Blithen one of the Executors In sd will named.

Attest Danl Rogers Reg.

## JOHN BLITHEN'S INVENTORY.

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An inventory of ye estate of John Blithen late of Salem,  
Doe say & apprised by us whose names are underwritten  
this 17th Feb., 1704-5.

To one Dwelling-house & Barn with three acres of Land adjoining it.....	45,00.0
To a ten acre lott in Northfields joining to James Symond's land .....	55,00.0
To a ten acre lot in Northfield joyning to horse Pasture .....	35,00.0
To about two acres of meadow in a place called the Barron meadow .....	2,00.0
To three cows & a calf Eight sheep 3.0.....	12,00.0
To one breeding sow.....	00,14.0
To Feather bed in Lower room with furniture be- longing to bedstead.....	06,00.0
To a small Feather bed about 20 pounds feathers in it .....	02,10.0
To Great Wonscutt chest 12 <sup>s</sup> To gt. cupboard 2.00 <sup>s</sup> .....	02,12.0
To two old Iron Potts & small Iron Kettle.....	00,15.0
To small brass skillett 1 <sup>s</sup> 6 <sup>d</sup> Little old crank 2 <sup>s</sup> .....	00,03.6
To an old warming pan 8 <sup>s</sup> Two old chairs 1 <sup>s</sup> 6 <sup>d</sup> ....	00,09.6
To one brass pair of tongs & fire shovell.....	00,07.6
To a frying pan 2 pewter basins, qt pot & candle- stick .....	00,09.0
To pr pot hooks Some other old iron.....	00,03.0

To a Loom & sm. Table & Tackling.....	01,05.0
To Tubbs, barrell & other Old Lumber.....	00,05.0
To Wheels 9 <sup>s</sup> To a cart and two old chairs 1.2 <sup>s</sup> ....	1,11.0
To waring apparell 4 & some old Linen.....	10,4.10
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	170,18.6

The reader will notice that the latest mention that Mr. Arvedson found of John Blithen's name in the Record of Quaker Meetings was 4th month, 1700 (some pages missing).

His will is recorded in Salem public records. He signed it Nov. 8th, 1704. It was proved before Hon. John Appleton, Judge of Probate of Wills, Feb. 19, 1705. And the inventory of his estate was signed Feb. 17, 1705. So it seems that John Blethen left his physical body not a long while after his name disappeared from the record of Quaker meetings.

While the date of his death may thus be placed between Nov. 8th, 1704, and Feb. 19, 1705, the date of his birth was not ascertained; nor was the date of his arrival in America found.

The earliest record found of his name is in Salem—a deed from Daniel Southwick of Salem to John Blethen of Lynn, Sept. 28, 1659.

The first Friends who came to America arrived in Boston in 1656. Taking this date in connection with the date of the above named deed, it appears that John Blethen was among the early, if not the earliest, arrivals of Quakers in America, at a time when they were considered heretics and were treated by the Puritan authorities after the orthodox methods of those days.

It is related that in 1656 several Friends arrived at

Boston, and were the first who came to America. To prevent the spreading of what was called their "heretical doctrines," they were ordered to leave the colony. A part of them went to Oyster Bay, L. I. From there they proceeded to Jamaica, Gravesend, and some other places, boldly preaching the truths of the Gospel. Notwithstanding the persecution to which they were subjected, many of the inhabitants embraced their views and held their meetings in the fields and woods.

In 1657, Gerard Roberts, a Friend and merchant, sent a vessel to America in which came ten Friends, among whom were Robert Hodgson, Mary Whitherhead and Dorothy Waugh. They landed in six months at New Amsterdam, and were the first Friends who visited this part of the country.

The women were arrested for preaching in the streets, and confined separate in wet, miry dungeons for more than a week. They were then taken out, their hands tied behind them, led to a vessel and sent to Rhode Island.

Rob't Hodgson went to Hempstead, Long Island, and held a meeting there. He was arrested, his bible and papers were taken from him, he was tied to a cart and dragged through the woods to New Amsterdam, a distance of twenty miles, and thrust into a dungeon. He was sentenced to work with a negro two years at a wheelbarrow, or pay a fine of 600 guilders. He was chained to a barrow, and suffered much cruelty from those in whose charge he was. He was finally released with several Friends from New England, through the intercession of Governor Stuyvesant's sister.

In 1666 John Burnyeat arrived at New York, and "spent some time there with Friends in going through their meetings." Again in 1671 he visited New York,

and attended the Half-Years Meeting at Oyster Bay. This appears to be the first established meeting for discipline in the State of New York.

George Fox arrived in Maryland in 1672, and after attending some meetings there proceeded Northward through Delaware and New Jersey, and crossing over to Gravesend passed on to Flushing and thence to the Half-Years Meeting at Oyster Bay.

The earliest records of Quarterly Meetings is in 1673, one being held that year in Flushing. In 1680 a Quarterly Meeting was held at Jericho, and one at Gravesend, and in 1687 another at Matinecock. Whether these were independent of each other, or whether they constituted one meeting held occasionally at each place, the records do not show. From some circumstances it is supposed there was but one meeting, and that the minutes bear date at each of these places named, according as they were held at either of them.

In 1684 a Monthly Meeting was held in New York. Meetings for worship were held at all the places named; and at the same time, or a few years later, at West Chester, Newtown, Bethpage, Jerusalem and some other places.

These meetings were subordinate to New England Yearly Meetings until 1695, when they were set off by that Meeting, and, with other meetings in the State of New York, formed a new one under the name of New York Yearly Meeting—held at Flushing until 1777, and then at Westbury until 1794, in which year it was removed to the City of New York.

John Blethen did not wholly escape the penalties paid by heretics in those days. Neither were the Friends always friendly to each other.

In the Annals of Salem it speaks of John Blevin (pps.

227, 235 and 237), June 26th, 1668, Josiah and Daniel Southwick & John Blevin refused to pay a fine of £1 apiece and were ordered to be whipped. 1668, Nov. 24, some of the Friends were fined £8.10. Saml Shabbock, John Blevin Josiah Southwick and Joshua Buffum were committed to prison one month for not paying their fines. 1669, June 29th, some of the Friends were fined £9.10. John Blevin and Robert Gray were imprisoned for not giving security.

It may be noticed that it was "Blevin" not "Blethen" who was punished. They did not seem to be very particular about their spelling.

In the records of Deeds in Salem is one from John Burnell to John Blethen. In the acknowledgement the name was written "Bliven." In the deed from Bridget Oliver it was "John Blevin," and when John's widow sold the property she signed her name "Jane Blevin alias Blethen." In another deed the signatures are Jane Blevin, John Blethin, Mary Bleven. In a deposition John Foster and Jos. Boyce deposed that they knew for forty years a lot as the Blevin lot. When it was sold to Sam West it was signed as the above "Blevin."

Reference has been made to John's widow. The record is that he married Jane Marks May 10th, 1672, at Salem, Mass. You will notice that in his will (herein copied) his wife is made joint executer with their son John; and following the will is the interesting inventory of the estate. The list of children mentioned in the will gives us the starting point from the deceased, John, whom we will herein call John First.

A deed is on record dated May, 1716, from the son, John<sup>2</sup> and wife Mary, and her son Wm. Robinson, all of Swansea, Bristol Co., Mass.

We have the date of the birth of John's daughter, Eliza-



beth, reported as 1680. This is probably a mistake, as in 1704, at the time of making his will, his daughters were not of adult age. It will be seen that no descendants of the daughters of John<sup>1</sup> are herein given.

## C. P. BLETHEN'S RESEARCH IN ENGLAND AND WALES.

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C. P. Blethen, Esq., of San Francisco, Cal., and also residing in Shanghai, China, wrote to London, England, on April 21, 1876, for information as to Blethen pedigree anterior to 1580.

John Pook & Co., 4 Lime Street Square, London, undertakes to inform C. P. Blethen. Warns him that it will be expensive. First charge £10, 15s. 6d. He says: "Not many, if any, Blethens now living in Wales. Pook warned "Searcher" Oliver to keep within £50 limit unless expressly requested to go further.

Consulted *manuscripts in British Museum*, including four large folio volumes belonging to a private family, who loaned it to the Museum. It would cost 190 pounds to put in genealogical tabular form. He would not vouch for the truth of one-tenth of such information. The only way to get at the truth is by "the collection of wills, ancient deeds, parish registers, etc." The expense would be very extensive. He furnished genealogies at various detached times, as follows:

Will of Lewys Blethin of Carlion, Co. Monmouth, Gent, dated Sept. 29, 1542, proved at London, 16th Nov., 1542.

Will of William Blethin, Bishop of Landaff, dated Oct. 1, 1590, proved at London 21st May, 1591.

Pook consulted *Sir Thomas Phillips Glamorganshire Pedigrees*, which included the Herald's Visitations of Wales by Sir Isaac Heard. Edited by Sir Thomas Phillips in 1845.

Reference is also made to York's Royal Tribes of Wales, "Dictionary of National Biography," under Morgan, etc.; "History of the Princes of South Wales," by Rev. G. T. O. Bridgeman; "History of Glamorganshire," by Nicholas; "History of Wales," etc.

Annexed is the genealogy of the descendants of Morgan Mwyn Vaw (Morgan, the Great, the Glorious), from York's Royal Tribes of Wales and History of Glamorganshire, by Nicholas, as copied by Bliven, Esq.; also the genealogies, as copied by the British Searchers, from the manuscript in the British Museum; and from the "Herald's Visitations" of Wales, by Sir Isaac Heard, compiled and edited by Sir Phillips Bart.

See letters of John Pook & Co.; also a brief genealogy that rivals the Hebrew, as, like the Hebrew, it takes the ancestry back from generation to generation to God.

Mr. Bliven refers us to the "History of Wales," from earliest times to final incorporation with England, by B. B. Woodward, B. A.—Virtue & Co., London, Publishers; wherein we are told that "Bleiddan" (or Lupus), Bishop of Troyes, was sent on Apostolic errand. Bleiddan accompanied St. Gemmanus on his apostolic visit to Britain.

He, Bliven, also says the Blethen coat-of-arms was a "shield, sable color (black), chevron argent white, star gold, three spear heads," with motto: *Silva*

"Tiens Le Droit"—"MAINTAIN THE RIGHT."

Via Brindisi.

John Pook & Co.,  
4 Lime Street Square,  
London, 21st July, 1876.

C. P. Blethen, Esq.,  
Shanghai, China.

Dear Sir:

We have to own receipt of your letter of 21st April in reference to pedigree anterior to A. D. 1580. Mr. Oliver certainly mentioned the matter to us shortly before his death, but we feared after we had paid a man to search through old deeds and books we might find nothing reliable, and the expense would be considerable, but seeing by your letter you desired it done, we sent you the result of our researches and also a general letter and we shall be happy to continue them now we have got into the right groove; but of course we shall require your consent before proceeding further, and a part remittance on a/c. Our endeavors would be to do our best for you. We enclose memo of charge Ten pounds, 15s, 6d, which is more a time charge of a skilled man than otherwise.

Yours faithfully,

JOHN POOK & CO.

(Copy sent by Clark Blethen of San Francisco, Cal., to Bliven.) 140 Nassau St., New York. The foregoing Clark (6th) of Levi (5th).

July 8, 1876.

### SEARCHER'S REPORT.

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I send you herewith the Genealogy of Bledhin or Blethyn ap Cynfyn or Rynfyn as entered in a *manuscript* in the *British Museum*. Also four generations anterior to the Jestin, who begins the pedigree formerly sent and several additions to it, such as children of said Jestin, his wives and some of the wives of his descendants which were not given in the pedigree extracted from Sir Thomas Phillips Glamorganshire Pedigrees and which are entered in a manuscript work in four large folio volumes belonging to a private family who has lent it to the custody of the Records Office for the benefit of Antiquarians, Genealogists and the Public in general.

I must inform you that there are 51 pages folio covered with the descendants of Bledhin or Blethyn—or otherwise as I find his name differently spelt almost at every page—ap *Cynfyn* ap Gwerstan Li, together with a great deal of other information scattered all over the four books, but as it would take not less than three months to collect the whole as it stands (not put in one single Genealogical Tabular form) I could not undertake the work for less than about 120 pounds and if the whole or as much of it as can be should have to be put in Genealogical Tabular Form, the price would be 190 pounds or thereabout, ac-

cording to the time it would take. But as the descendants of the said Blethyn ap Cynfyn are not immediately connected with the Blethyns whose Pedigree I sent you; being only Cousins in First, 2nd, 3rd and 4th degree I feel not justified in involving your client to such an expense without his consent and without his being informed at the same time that I would not even vouch for the tenth of all such information as might be gathered therefrom. The only way to ascertain the truth in these matters is by the collection of wills, Ancient Deeds, Parish Registers, etc., but the dates are so remote that even then such searching would no doubt prove very unsatisfactory as to completeness, specially as the expenses would be then very extensive.

If, therefore, your client will nevertheless go on with the matter I shall be happy to render you all the assistance in my power and beg to remain,

Most respectfully,

Your Obedt. Servant

(JOHN POOK & CO., London, or his  
agent, Mr. Oliver, the "Searcher.")

8th July, 1876.

P. S. I may as well tell you that the *Golden Grove Book* being only a loan to the Keeper of the Public Records, it may be withdrawn at any time and that therefore if your client wishes more from it, he may as well have it while we can get at it.

Via Marseilles.

John Pook & Co.,  
4 Lime Street Square,  
London, E. C., 15th Decr., 1876.

C. P. Blethen, Esq.,  
Shanghai.

Dear Sir:

We have to acknowledge receipt of your favor of 28th Septr., from which we withdraw S/draft of Agra Bank for 10 lbs. 15s 6d for which we are obliged.

Regarding the "pedigree," we send you copy of letter from our Searcher and we told him we did not feel justified in guaranteeing him more than Fifty Pounds certain, without first consulting with you.

The writer knows from private sources that the "Blethen" family is but a small one, even if any are now living in Wales, but we do not like going to any great expense without first consulting you, perhaps you will fix on an amount we may go to in this search.

Awaiting your early reply,

We remain, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

JOHN POOK & CO.

1542.

LEWYS BLETHEN of Carlion, co. Monmouth, Gent; will dated 29th Sept. 1542, proved at London 16 Novembre 1542, directs his body robe buried in Parish Church of St. Cadoks in said town of Carlyon; wills to the Cathedral Church of Llandaff  $\frac{3}{4}$ ; he gave nearly all his property in Monmouthshire and Glamorganshire to his wife and the heirs lawfully begotten betwixt him and her the said Jane &c. (but he makes no mention of any of his children's names, if any). Mentions his Unkell (uncle) John William Blethen.

The will names testator's wife, Jane, executrix, in conjunction with her brother, William Morgan.



1591

WILLIAM BLETHIN, Bishop of Llandaff, will dated 1st Oct. 1590, proved at London 21st May 1591—Anne “my wief”—wills his body robe burned in the Parish Church (in the Chauncell) of Matharn.

William Blethin my sonne full & sole executor. (Elizabeth, his now wief, daur of Thos. Morgan). Timothy Blethin to whom reversion of property failing male issue to his brother William. Philemon Blethin, to whom reversion of said property, failing male issue of Brother Timothy, after which reversion to female issue of William and so on &c.

“Failing male and female issue to the above he bequeaths his property to Anne Blethin now wife of Richard Thomas of Berthely, Gent. (Pertholly, as I know the Thomas family had and have now property in that place) “To Rebecca Blethin now wife to Reinalt Gwin of St. Mellens, Gent: Jane Blethin now wife of John Thomas of Uske, Gent, and to Sarah Blethin one other of my daughters &c &c.

“Joane Young my mother in lawe.

Overseers to this will Thomas Morgan of Yredegre Esq., Rogerseis of Bertai Esq, Morgan Nicholas, Archdeacon of Llandaff, John Blethin, my brother, Thomas Edmunds Clerke, John David, Henry Merricke, Clerke.

Extract from p. 42,

Glamorganshire Pedigrees  
from the MSS of Sir Isaac Heard, Knt  
Gerter King of Arms  
edited by  
Sir Thomas Phillips, Bart,  
1845.

Blethyn of Shernewton

Vol 2, p 239.) 1. *Yerath*, ap Owen, ap Cradock, ap Rytharch, ap Jestyn, married Angharad, daughter to Ychdryd, Bishop of Landaffe, and issued *Howel*, ap Yerath, Prince of Calleon (whose daughter and heiress, named Gwenllian, married Meredith Gethen, Lord of Gwayn Llwg, son to Lord Rees, ap Gr/ (Griffith?), ap Rees, ap Theodore, Prince of South Wales,) and *Dynwal*, ap Yerath. 2nd, This Dynwal, was father to Blethyn, ap Dynwal. 3rd, Blethyn was father to Meyrick. 4th, Meyrick father to Griffith. 5th, Gr, father to Blethyn. 6th, Blethyn father to Thomas. 7th, Thomas Blethyn father to Glim., Morgan, and Lawrence Blethyn. 8th, Glim. ap Thomas Blethyn father to John, Morgan, and Thomas Llwyd Blethyn. 9th, Thomas Lloyd Blethyn was father to Lewis Blethyn of Shernewton.

8. Morgan Blethyn aforesaid, second son to Thomas Blethyn, was father to John.

9. John Blethyn married a daughter to Evan Thomas Meyrick and issued Griffith.

10. Gr. Blethyn married Elizabeth, daughter to Thomas, ap Evan, ap Howel, and issued William Blethyn, Bishop

of Landaffe. (he died 15th October, 1590, and made a will.)

(N. B. These words are written in red ink in the margin.—Ed.)

Vo. 2, p. 240) 11. William Blethyn, Lord Bishop of Landaffe, was father to William Blethyn, of Shernewton, Esq., that married Elizabeth, daughter to Thomas Morgan, of Tredger, Esq., and also father to Philemon Blethyn, that married a daughter to Dr. Godwyn.

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Morgan called in younger days Morgan Mawr, d. about 972, 100 years old. Ellen (his wife, dau of Roderick the Great.)

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See Yorke's "Royal Tribes of Wales" and Heard's "Visitations of Wales"; also "Dictionary of National Biography" under "*Morgan*" and the other names. See "History of the Princes of Wales" by Rev. G. T. O. Bridgeman.

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Bridgeman says Gwenllian, dau. of Howel ap Yerath, marrying Meredith Gethen, Lord of Gwayn, is not correct. He says Howel ap Yerath had only one child, a son, Morgan ap Howel, and no daughter.

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The mother of Meredith Gethen and wife of Lord Rees ap Griffith was Gwenllian, dau of Madoc ap Meredith ap Blethyn. 1195 A. D.

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Morgan Fwyn was first King of Glamorgan, and his kingdom was called after him—Morganwy or Glamorgan; and Jestyn was his lineal descendant.

The Pedigree of Bleddyn ap Cynfin. Prince of Powys, as entered in Addt Ms 14907 fo 126 b Arms or a lion rampant gules

Bleddyn ap Cynwyn ap Gwerystan ap Gweilhvoed ap Gweydr ap Cadog ap Lles Llawddeawe ap Ednyfed ap Gwynan ap Gwynewg forswth ap Ceidiawg ap Carf ap Caenawe ap Teon ap Gwrnaudoufre eudewyt ap Bywyrlew ap Bywdeg ap Rhun rhuddbaladr ap Llary ap Casnar wledg ap Lludd ap Beli mawr ap mynagan ap Enydd ap Cerwgl ap Crydon ap Sufnarch ap Prydair ap Aedd mawr ap Antonu ap Jeiriol ap Grwss ap Rhuwallon ap Cynedda (ap Rhegan berch Lyr) ap Rhudd ap Blenddydd ap Lliweldd ap Brutus ysgwydd hir ap Efrog gadam ap Membyr ap Madog ap Lairin ap Brutus ap silus (sic) ap Ascunint (?Ascanius) ap Eneas ysgwyddroyn ap Anchises ap As-saracus ap Tros ap Erichthonius ap Sardanus ap Jupiter ap Saturnas ap Jele (?Sele) ap Gritus ap Aprus ap Cetin ap Javan ap Japheth ap Naelen ap Lamech ap Mathuselem ap Enes ap Jared ap Malelel ap Cainan ap Enos ap Seth ap Adda ap Dwrđ.

(See Welch-English Dictionary.)

ap=ab=son. Merch=girl, daughter, woman. God=Duw, =Duw Celi=Naf=Ner=Ion=Ior Celi=The Secret One—Deity.

This branch of the Herberts became extinct in the line male in 1748 on the death of the 3rd Earl and Marquess Wm. Herbert, when Powis Castle passed by marriage of his niece Barbara to Henry Arthur Herbert 1st Baron Herbert of Chesbury descended from a common ancestor, who was now created Baron Earl of Powis.

His son Geo. Edward dying without issue Powis Castle passed (A D 1804) with his sister and heiress Henrietta Antoria to her husband, Edward Clive, first Baron Clive,

who was created Baron And Earl of Powis in whose descendents it has ever invested.

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The proceedings in the Star Chamber respecting the murderous assault upon Geo ap Morgan, riotous affair committed by Walter Herbert and William Herbert in the town of Newport in Monmouthshire on Sunday, the 23rd of February 1533, p. 61 Morgan Family by G. B. Morgan.

“Item that the said Walter did strike one John William Blethen, being coroner of the County of Wentloog.”

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In the Herts Genealogist and Antiquities p 371 abstract of Herts Willslo nov 1573 we find Mr. Randall Blethin vicar of Amwell, also George Blethin. also in the following pages of same work p 73 Dat Oct 1567 Rand lph Blethin Clerk.

p 134 26 Sep 1567 Ranulph Blethin one vicar.

p 239 5 Aug 1570 Mr. Randall Blethin vicar of Amwill and overseer.

p 240 29 Oct 1570 Ranulph Blethin Clerk overseer.

p 371 10 Nov 1573. Mr. Randall Blithin overseer.

p 373 April 20 1574. Witness Ranulph Blethyn the writer.

In the above the Blethin was witness or mentioned in certain wills.

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History of England by Samuel Mannders Vol 2nd page 172: “Their cause seemed more likely to be successful

because in addition to the number and resolution of the Saxons in revolt they had the promise of support from Malcolm King of Scotland, Blethyn Prince of Wales, who was related to them, and Sweyn King of Denmark who had a personal and peculiar interest in the success of the Saxon cause."

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Another saying by A. R. Blethen as handed down:

"Three brothers came with their mother, a Widow, she afterward married a Mr. Curtis.

Her three sons were young men.

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6. Blethen, A. K., Oakland, Cal.
7. Blethen, Andrew H., Lynn, Mass.
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9. Blethen, Charles E., Walnut Grove, Minn.
10. Blethen, Clark, San Francisco, Cal.
11. Blethen, Clement P., San Francisco, Cal.
12. Belthen, Courtney Haven, Haverhill, Mass.
13. Blethen, Cora, Burlington, Vt.
14. Blethen, Eliza (widow of Joseph), Springfield, Ill.
15. Blethen, Frank A., New Orleans, La.
16. Blethen, Fred W., Hazelton, Pa.
17. Blethen, Mrs. Francis P. (wife of Dr. Alonzo Cary Blethen), Reading, Mass.
18. Blethen, Mrs. George, Munday, West Va.

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20. Blethen, George H. (son of James 6, Benjamin 5, Increase 4, etc.), Portsmouth, Ohio.
21. Blethen, George F. (son of Francis A. 8, Henry K. 7, Reuben 6, James 5, John 4, 3, 2, 1), Mankato, Minn.
22. Blethen, H. W. 8th, West Somerville, Mass.
23. Blethen, James Lamson, Erie, Pa.
24. Blethen, James E., Oakland, Cal.
25. Blethen, Levi B. (6), Meridian, Texas.
26. Blethen, Noah S., Clark's Island Granite Works, Knox County, Maine.
27. Blethen, Mrs. Olive (wife of Elbridge B.), Lisbon Falls, Me.
28. Blethen, Otis A., Minneapolis, Minn.
29. Blethen, Phillips, Thorndike, Me.
30. Blethen, Mrs. S. H. (wife of Joseph 7, son of Wm. 6, John 5, 4, 3, 2, 1), Chelsea, Mass.
31. Blethen, Walter H., Dover, Me.
32. Blethen, William H. (son of James 5, Increase 4).
33. Mrs. Sarah F. Blanchard.
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35. Bucklin, Mrs. (wife of Leon O. Bucklin 7th), Belfast, Me.
36. Brock, Joseph W. (7th), Seasport, Me.
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38. Byron, Sophia T. (6), Holliston, Mass.
39. Burchell, Mrs. Antoinette W. (7), Dorchester, Mass.
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41. Clark, Jennie B. (7), Benton Falls, Me.
42. Cotton, Mrs. S. M. (nee Blethen), East Bedford, Mass.



43. Dutton, Fred O., Thomsonville, Ct.
44. Fitch, Mrs. Sarah E., Chelsea, Mass.
45. Knowlton, Mrs. Julia E. (7), Rockland, Me.
46. Lamson, James D., Freedom, Me.
47. Miner, Mrs. Mary F. (6) (Blethen), Clinton, Mass
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49. Provost, Mabel, Steep Brook, Mass.
50. Rand, Mrs. Anna B., Newton Centre, Mass.
51. Richardson, Lafayette, Mars Hill, Maine.
52. Roberts, Mrs. Louise J. (Coy), Chicago, Ill.
53. Sanderson, Mrs. Wm. K. (Ella Louise Blethen),  
Portland, Me.
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55. Smith, Mrs. G. H. (Emily R. Blethen), Haverhill,  
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(The correspondence from which this book is compiled  
is in the hands of Colonel A. J. Blethen.)

## BLETHEN FAMILY IN AMERICA.

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Of John (First) the Essex Antiquarian, published at Salem, Mass., has some information regarding the land of the first Blethens, and I would refer the reader to the October number of this magazine of the year 1902, price 25 cents.

b.

m. Jane Marks 10 May, 1672, or 4, at Salem, Mass. (I think). Made will dated 1704.

They had children:

John b.

Jane b.

Elizabeth b.

Sarah b.

Abigail b.

Hannah b.

(As per his will his daughters appeared to be under age)

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Of John (Second) son of John I.

b.

m. Mary

d.

They had children:

Nathaniel b.

Samuel b. 1705.

John b.

Of Nathaniel (Third), son of John 2, John 1.  
m. Priscilla

They had children:

Hanna b. Swansea, Mass., Nov. 2, 1747.

Samuel b. Sept. 8, 1744.

Nathaniel b.

(See letter of Henry O. Wood, Town Clerk, Swansea, Mass., July 27, 1897).

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Of Samuel (Third), who had a brother John, who was a farmer and came to Maine with Samuel, son of John 2, John 1. b. in Swansea in the year 1705. m. Elizabeth Perry (a relative of Commodore Perry), and they settled in Swansea, afterwards moving to Small Point, Maine. He died there in 1779 and buried in the graveyard near Sprague River. Elizabeth, his wife, was the mother of 21 children. He was a ship carpenter, and his brother John, who came here with him, a farmer. They had among his children:

Paul b.

Ichabod b. Georgetown, Maine, March 6, 1755. m. Elizabeth (Sweetsier) Fowler, a widow, she b. in Portland, Me., April 20, 1756. He d. 1796. She d. Aug. 19, 1836.

Samuel b.

Joseph b.

Bethena b. m. Howard and moved to Castine, Me.

Hanna b. m. Jacob Day and lived in Phippsburg, Me., now a part of Georgetown, Me.

———dau, b. m. Noland and lived at Augusta, Me.

All the other children died in infancy.

(See record of Levi Blethen, given at the town of Phippsburg, originally a part of Georgetown, Maine, July 24, 1872).

Of John (Third) (great grandfather of Alonzo C. Blethen), son of John 2, John 1. b. . m. Kane and settled in Georgetown, Maine.

They had children:

*See Me. 1890 Census for Increase etc*

Rhoda b.

Hannah b.

Sarah b. m. Wyman and lived to age of 88 years.

Wealthy b. m. Joseph Day, lived to age of 99 years.

Phebe b.

James b. Lost at sea. Once lived at Cape Elizabeth, Maine.

John b. Of Lisbon, Maine.

Job b.

Increase b. Settled in Phillips, Maine.

Levi b.

(One of the daughters married a Chase and lived near Bangor, Maine, and lived to the age of 107 years).

(See letter of Andrew R. Blethen to Bliven.)

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Of John Blethen (Fourth), of Lisbon, Maine, son of John 3, John 2, John 1. b.

m. (1) Dorcas Getchell, by her had 12 children.

m. (2) Hannah Hibbard, who had seven children.

m. (3) Abby Welsh, no children by her.

He died at the age of 94 years; was living in 1822.

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Dr. Alonzo C. Blethen says his grandfather John (Fourth), went from Massachusetts to Maine. Lived at Oldtown, Maine, and had 20 children.

The children were:

Rhoda b.

James b. m. Sally.

- John b. m. Sally Pomroy Sept. 5, 1794, lived in Lisbon, Maine, and had children: Ebenezer, Dexter, Kilgore and Margaret.
- Hannah b.
- Mary b.
- Josiah b.
- Reuben b. Was a minister at White Mountains, N. H.
- Increase b. m. Betsey Malcomb, have no children.
- Simeon b. Had a son, Simeon.
- Judy b. (Judith, child, d. young).
- William b.
- Joseph b.
- Job b. Lived at Lisbon. Had children: Elias, Jonathan, Matilda, Irene Green, Iva, Job and Gleauber and Hannah.
- Steven b. Nov. 30, 1791. m. March 23, 1815, to Sarah Blake; she b. Aug. 29, 1789. They had 9 children: Steven, Dexter, John, Nelson, David, who married Octavia Blethen, True Glidden, Dianna Sebulon, Susan Mary, Andrew.
- David b. Had Mahala Blethen and Etta Blethen.  
(See letter of Andrew R. Blethen, son of Stephen above, to Bliven).
- Dorcas b. m. Webber; had children: Jessie, Hannah, Abigail, Edsel, Orphia and another.
- Ashoah b. m. Rideout.
- Jonathan b. Had Cynthia, Arilla, Alonzo and Cary Blethen.
- Sarah b.  
Also had an adopted son.

Of Job (Fourth), son of John 3, John 2, John 1. b. March 27, 1754, Georgetown, Me. m. Mary Thompson, daughter of Joseph Thompson and Elizabeth Andrews. b. in England. She b. Nov. 29th, 1752, at Ipswich, Mass. He and his wife died and buried at Thorndike, Maine.

They had children:

Joseph b. Sept. 23, 1779, in Durham, Maine. d. July 16, 1864. m. (her second husband) Jeanette Allen, widow of Benjamin Phillips) m. Sept. 23, 1779. He died and buried at Thorndike, Maine. She died March 9, 1880, age 98, buried at Thorndike. She born at Bridgewater, Mass., Sept. 23, 1792.

Isaiah b. April 1, 1781, in Durham, Maine. d. at Thorndike, Maine, 1858. m. Polly Spencer; she b. Clinton, Maine, died and buried at Thorndike, 1848 or 1858.

Joanna b. April 10, 1783.

John b. Feb. 16, 1785. d. March 3, 1785.

Elizabeth b. April 17, 1786. m. Rev. Chas. Warren.

John 2nd b. March 2, 1789.

Mary b. Oct. 10, 1792. m. McClure.

Wealthy b. Sept. 12, 1794. m. Shaw.

(See Mrs. Jennie Blethen (Clark) Atwood's letter to Bliven March 15, 189—, from Benton Falls, Maine).

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Of Increase (Fourth) from Augusta, Maine.

Increase Bliffin (Bleffins or Bavin), of Royalsborough (Royalstown), enlisted in 1777 into the Continental Army from Capt. Stephen Herts Company, 2nd Cumberland Regiment. He served three years. In 1835 he applied for and was granted a tract of land, Lot 98, Township D., Range 1.

Of Increase (Fourth), son of John 3, John 2, John 1. m. (1) ——— Benholland, lived at Thorndike and Phillips and had by her a girl. m. (2) N. Whitney; she d. 1843. Lived at Augusta, Maine. He was a revolutionary. He died about 1838. After his death his wife had considerable difficulty in obtaining her pension on account of the spelling of the name Blethen. By consenting, records can be obtained in Augusta. He, Increase Blethen, was the first man to own a carriage in Phillips. He entered the army at the age of 16 and had 13 children. (See letter of his great granddaughter).

They had children:

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| Wealthy b.  | m. Lake.  |
| Mary b.     | m. Aaron Cates. Cates family lived in Phillips, Maine.  |
| Phebe b.    | m. Cotton.  |
| Sarah b.    | m. Thaddeus Richardson, had 4 sons: Increase, Ebenezer, Theodore and Jophenas (or Stephanus); and 5 daughters: Eliza, Mary, Phoebe, Annie and Susan. The Richardson family went to Mars Hill, Aroostook, Maine. |
| Hannah b.   | m. Peltiar Whitney, lived in Phillips. Her children: (1) Violet, m. Miller Hinkley, of Madrid, Maine; (2) Harriet, m. Eben Berry, of Berlin, Maine.   |
| Thankful b. | m. Cotton.  |
| Benjamin b. | m. Sarah Gordon. Born about 1799, d. about 1837.  |
| James b.    | m. Sarah Byron. Went to Aroostook, Maine.   |
| Esther b.   | m. David Byron, had son Benj., who lives at Lineaus, Maine.   |

Orpha b.	m. Levi Byron, went to Aroostook, Me.
Increase b.	m. Irene Davenport.
Isabelle b.	m. John Lake.
Aurilla (Orilla) b.	m. Elijah Toothaker; lived in Phillips, Maine; then went to Aroostock, Maine; had 4 children.
Malenda b.	m. Silas M. Wing.
Cordelia b.	m. (1) Benj. S. Saule; (2) Stacy A. Griffin.
Ira D. b.	m. Nancy Abbott.
Mary E. b.	d. at age of 19, not married.

(See Public Records, Augusta, Maine, as to Increase's military experience.) (See letter of Louise J. Roberts; also of L. Richardson, Mars Hill, Aroostock Co., Maine, March 13, 1899).

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I have the following, which I think are the children of Malenda Toothaker and Silas M. Wing:

Mary I., m. Emery Davenport. Eunice E., d. young. Benj. B., m. Fannie Masterman. Bion, m. Mary E. Brown. Harvey J., m. Jennie Davenport. Sura, d. young. Ira T., m. Hannah Haines. Orrie E., m. (1) Lewis Burroughs. (2) John Gaquin. Abbie E., m. Clifford Littlehall. S. Davis, m. Florence Allen. Rose B., m. Frank W. Harn- den. Lettie M., d. young.

(By referring to letter it will tell to whom these chil- dren belong.)

(See letter of Bion Wing, Phillips, Maine (son of Ma- elnda above), to Bliven, Oct. 29, 1898. Bion begins his record with his great-grandfather, Increase Blethen.)

(See letter of Louise J. Roberts, 611 N. Congress St., Chicago, Ill. (and Spooner, Wis.), Aug. 20, 1898, written to Bliven.)



Children of Increase Richardson 6, and Mary Coban:  
Increase B., b. May 2, 1812, m. Oct. 22, 1835, d. Jan. 27,  
1873. Mary, his wife, b. Aug. 3, 1810.

Children:

Sarah J., b. Sept. 18, 1836, m. Mar. 12, 1860, to K. H.  
Leanders.

Jacob C., b. Feb. 5, 1838, m. Jan. 1, 1866, d. Aug. 27, 1869;  
was married to Fidelia Foster.

Samuel G., b. Jan. 9, 1840; served 3 years in Civil War; m.  
Charlotte Babar.

Francina, b. Sept. 12, 1841; m. Daniel Teson.

Lafayette E., b. Aug. 5, 1843, m. Jan. 12, 1868; m. Myra  
Kimball.

Hubbard C., b. Oct. 5, 1845.

Susan H., b. Sept. 18, 1847, m. Jan. 1, 1865, to Josiah B.  
Byron.

Geo. N., b. Jan. 30, 1849, d. Feb. 3, 1849.

Anna M., b. Apr. 27, 1854, d. Aug. 19, 1865.

(See Lafayette Richardson's letter, Mars Hill, Me., Mar.  
13, 1899, to Mr. Bliven.)

The following items illustrate the different ways of spelling the name Blethen. As to locality, remember that in those days what is now the State of Maine was then a part of Massachusetts:

Blifin, Ichabod. Private Capt. Benjamin Lamonts Co., Col. Samuel McCobb's Regt.; enlisted June 26, 1779; discharged Sept. 24, 1779. Service 28 days at Penobscot.

Blafin, Increase. Royalston. Return of men enlisted into Continental Army from Capt. Oliver Clap's Co. Benjamin Hawes (12th Suffolk Co.) Regt., dated Walpole, Feb. 17, 1778; residence Royalston; enlisted from town of Walpole. Joined Capt. Blydells' (Bladdells) Co., Col. Wigglesworth Regiment; enlisted three years.

Blassin, Increase. Royalston. List of men engaged for

the Continental service for Col. Hawes' Regt.; residence Royalston; enlisted for town of Walpole. Joined Capt. Blaisdell's Co., Col. Wigglesworth's Regt.

Bleffin, Valentine. Private Capt. Henry Brightman's Co., Col. John Hathaway Regt.; enlisted Aug. 4, 1780; discharged Aug. 7, 1780. Service three days on an alarm at R. I.

1778, dated Camp Valley Forge, reported on command at the Lines, also muster roll for June, 1778, dated "Camp Greage," also pay abstract for Oct. 1778, sworn to at Providence, also muster roll for March and April 1779, dated Providence, enlisted April 9, 1777, reported promoted to Corporal April 1, 1779, also Corporal Cap't Smart's Co., Col. Smith Reg't, Continental Army pay accounts for service from January 1780 to April 9, 1780.

Bliffin, Samuel, Private Cap't Benjamin Lemonts, Col Sam'l McCobb's Reg't, enlisted July 9, 1779; discharged Sept. 24, 1779; service two mos. 15 days at Penobscot.

Bliffin, Valentine. Private Captain Ebenezer Panell's Co., Col. John Daggett's Regiment; enlisted Aug. 25, 1778; service 8 days at Rhode Island. Roll dated Berkley.

Bliffins, Increase. Royalston; Private Cap't Richard Mayberry's Company of Recruits; pay abstract for travel allowance dated Dorchester, Aug. 29, 1776.

Bliffins, Valentine. Private Captain Joseph Durfee's Company; Col. Pope's Regiment; enlisted Dec. 7, 1776; discharged Dec. 15, 1776; service eight days on an alarm at R. I.; also Captain Henry Brightman's Co., Colonel Hathaway's Regiment; enlisted August 4, 1780; discharged August 7, 1780; Service three days on an alarm at Rhode Island.

### *Massachusetts Revolutionary Soldiers.*

Bliffen, Ichabod. Newcastle. Private Captain Josiah

Stearns Company; Colonel Ephraim Doolittle's (24th) Regiment; muster roll dated August, 1775; enlisted May 21, 1775; service 2 months, 15 days; also company return dated Winter Hill, Oct. 6, 1775; also order for bounty-coat, or its equivalent in money, dated Winter Hill Nov. 11, 1775.

Bliffen, Ichabod. Private Captain Lemuel Trescott's Co., Colonel Asa Whitcomb's Regiment; muster roll dated Camp at Treufinga (Ticonderoga?) Nov. 27, 1776; enlisted January 1, 1776; reported deserted Jan. 7, 1776.

Bliffen, Ichabod; list of prisoners on board the vessel "Hortage" to exchange for British prisoners, as returned by Thomas Stone, Commissioner, in the sloop "Retrieve," privateer of Casco Bay, by the British ship "Milford."

Bliffen, Increase. Royalsborough (also given Walpole); return of men enlisted into Continental Army from Captain Stephen Hart's Company; Colonel Jonathan Mitchell's (2nd Cumberland Co.) Regiment, dated Dec. 6, 1777; residence Royalsborough; enlisted town of Royalsborough (also given Royalston) joined Captain Blaisdell's Company, Colonel Wigglesworth's Regiment; enlistment three years; reported mustered by Nathaniel Barber, Muster Master; also Corporal Captain Smart's Company, Col. Calvin Smith (late Wigglesworth) Regiment Continental Army Pay accounts for service rendered from January 1, 1777, to Dec. 31, 1779; residence Walpole, credited to town of Walpole; also Private Captain Nicholas Blaisdell's Company; Colonel Edward Wigglesworth's Regiment; muster returns dated Camp Valley Forge, Feb. 5, 1778; residence Royalston; enlisted for town of Walpole; mustered by Major Barber; also muster roll for May, 1777.

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Of Increase (5th), son of Increase 4th.  
Had: 2 boys.

Of Ichabod (Fourth), son of Samuel Third, John 2, John 1., b Georgetown, Maine, March 6, 1755; m. Elizabeth Fowler, a widow, who was born in Portland, Maine, April 20, 1756, and died August 19, 1836; her maiden name was Elizabeth Sweetser; she was married three times; her first husband's name was Fowler, her second Ichabod Blethen and her third Ezekiel Cushing; she had one son by Fowler named Gilbert Fowler. He was a sea captain, resided in New York, married and had children. He died at sea 1796, aged 42 years.

Levi Blethen on July 24, 1872, at Small Point, Maine, in the town of Phippsburg (which was part of Georgetown, Maine), says:

Children of Ichabod were:

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| William b.   | d. at West Indies, age 18, single.   |
| Joseph b.    | d. in New Orleans, age 28, single.   |
| Mary b.      | d. in Small Point, age 5 years.  |
| Nathaniel b. | d. on board American man of war, at Philadelphia, age 27, single.  |
| Levi b.      | Georgetown, Maine, May 17, 1792; d. Dec. 13, 1876; m. Mary (Nancy) Powers, she b. Georgetown July 11, 1795, d. March 23, 1881. |

Levi says: "All the Blethens in Maine descended from Samuel and John. All of Samuel's family died before Levi was 20 years of age.

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Of Nathaniel Bliffins (Fourth) of Swansea, Mass., son of Nathaniel 3, John 2, John 1; m. Mary Valentine, daughter of Samuel and Abigail (Deufee) Valentine Dec. 29th, 1757.

They had children:

Nathaniel b. Sept. 17, 175—.

William b. Feb. 15, 17—.

Valentine b. June 19, 17—; he m. (1) Hannah Evans of Freetown; m. (2) Mrs. Wilbur of Fall River.

Priscilla b. April 12, 17—; died April 26, 17—.

Abigail b. Aug. 18, 176—; m. Miles.

Anson b. October 31, 1768; m. Rachael Reed of Freetown May 26, 1796; he died June 17, 1842.

\*See letter from Mabel J. Provost, Steepbrook, Mass., Nov. 11, 1898, to Bliven. She knew the genealogy no further back than the above Nathaniel, and from him down the line to the 8th generation (from John).

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Of James (Fifth), son of John 4, John 3, John 2, John 1; b. m. Sally Bryan; she d. Oct. 5, 1811; he d. March 4, 1812.

They had children:

John b. Sept. 6, 1789; m. Rebecca, his cousin, daughter of John Blethen and Sally Pomroy; d. April 3, 1870.

James b. April 14, 1791.

Sally b. Feb. 2, 1793.

Andrew b. Jan. 2, 1795.

Reuben 6th b. Sept. 14, 1797. (See record from Reuben's family Bible now (1898) in hands of Chas. E. Blethen (8th) of Walnut Grove, Minn.)

Abigal b. July 14, 1799.

Isaac b. June 30, 1801; m. Susan G.; d. March 19, 1881; she died 1870.

George b. July 21, 1804; m. April 13, 1826; he died Feb. 23, 1890.

Mary b. Sept. 16 or June 26, 1807.

(All the above were born in Lisbon, Maine, and all are dead except Mary.)

(See letters of Herbert W. Blethen, West Somerville, Mass., August and October, 1898, to Wm. W. Bliven, Esq.)

(See Mrs. Olive (Mrs. Elbridge B.) Blethen's letter to Bliven, March 14, 1899.)

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Of John (Fifth), son of John 4, John 3, John 2, John 1 ;  
b. m. Sally Pomeroy Sept. 5, 1794; lived in  
Lisbon, Maine.

All their children were born in Lisbon, Maine:

Judith b.	m. White, dead.
Sallie b.	m. Ward, dead.
Polly b.	m. Casten, dead.
Betsey b.	m. Ira Green, brother to Nancy's husband, dead.
Rebecca b.	m. John Blethen, father of Elbridge Blethen, her cousin, dead.
Nancy b. 1811 ;	living 1899, age 88 years ; m. Green.
Phebe b.	m. Lot Moulton ; he was a sea captain ; has a daughter living in Lewiston, Maine. Mahala Crowley, wife of Wm. Crowley, dead.
Ebenezer b.	Dead.
William b.	m. Mary Dow ; she b. Wiscasset, Maine ; he died about 1892.
Joseph b.	m. Eleanor Jones of Lewiston, Maine ; living in the year 1899.
George b.	Lives in Bradley, Maine.
——— b.	Daughter, died a child.

(For above information, see letter of Lester and his mother, Deborah Blethen, E. Bradford, Maine ; and letter of Mrs. S. H. Blethen (Joseph's wife), Feb. 28, 1899 ; and Elbridge's wife, Olive, Lisbon Falls, March 20, 1899.)

Of Simeon (Fifth), son of John 4, John 3, John 2, John 1.

Had children:

Simeon b.

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Of Job (Fifth), son of John 4, John 3, John 2, John 1.

Had children:

Elias b.

Jonathan b.

Hannah b. m. Hall.

Matilda b. m. Littlefield.

Irene b.

Job

Glauber.

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Of Stephen (Fifth), of Lisbon, Maine, son of John 4, John 3, John 2, John 1. b. Nov. 30, 1791; m. Sally Blake; she b. Aug. 29th, 1789 and m. March 23, 1815. They had nine children and all born in Town of Lisbon, Maine:

Stephen b. June 12, 1816; d. July 2, 1855; buried at sea; had no children.

Dexter b. Nov. 4, 1817; m. Charlotte Davis of Lewiston, Maine, and had three children.

David b. May 20, 1819; d. Jan. 4, 1892, in Topsfield, Mass.; m. Octava Blethen of Durham, Maine; had two children.

John Nelson b. Aug. 14, 1820, Lisbon, Maine; d. July 28, 1881, in Burlington, Vt.; m. Mary Jane Cobb of Windham, Maine, Nov. 20, 1843.

True Glidden b. Oct. 12, 1822; not married.

Dianna Holbrook b. March 16, 1826; m. M. S. Phillips of  
Auburn, Maine; had children: Selden,  
Florence, Elmer and Lincoln.

Zebulen B. b. Nov. 13, 1827; m. Sarah Chick of Great  
Falls and had children.

Susan Mary b. June 15, 1830; d. May 15, 1872, in Lynn,  
Mass.; m. John Holbrook of Guilford,  
Maine, and had children: Ida, Clara,  
Eva and a baby that died.

Andrew R. b. June 12, 1832; m. Jennie E. Cotton of Troy,  
Maine.

(See letter of Andrew R. Blethen, Lynn, Mass., Dec. 8,  
1898, to Mr. Blivens. See also Miss Cora Blethen's record  
with letter to Mr. Bliven from Burlington, Vermont, June  
16, 1899.)

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Of Jonathan (Fifth), son of John 4, John 3, John 2,  
John 1, b. Lisbon, Maine, in year 1800, or last part of year  
1799; m. Mary Rideout of Bowdoin, Maine.

They had children:

Dr. Alonzo Cary b. August, 1827; d. April 28, 1899; m.  
Francis P. Gilman Nov. 1, 1851. (See  
Mrs. Blethen's signature to letters to  
Bliven 1898-9.)

Cynthia Rideout.

Dorcas Arvilla.

(See letters from A. C. Blethen above named, and wife,  
Francis P. Blethen.)

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Of Ashoah (Fifth), son of John 4, John 3, John 2, John  
1. m. Rideout.

They had children:

Andrew R.



————— (Do not know the name).

Sarah.

Emeline; she m. Peterson.

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Of Joseph (Fifth), son of Job 4, John 3, John 2, John 1, b. Sept. 23, 1779, in Durham, Maine; m. at Green, Maine, to Jenette Allen, widow of Benjamin Phillips, whose name before marriage being Allen; she b. Sept. 23, 1782, in Bridgewater, Mass.; she d. March 9, 1880, aged 98; he d. July 16, 1864, at Thorndike, Maine; she also d. and buried at Thorndike, Maine.

Their children:

Caroline b. Dec. 5, 1804; d. January 17, 1819.

A son b. August 30, 1806, in Green, Maine, but died immediately.

Louisa b. April 4, 1808, in Greene, Maine; m. (1) April 13, 1829, to Joseph, son of Thomas and Susannah (Gerish) Bagley; b. March 16, 1803; d. 1863; m. (2) Jan. 31, 1875, Nathan, son of David and Hannah (Parsons) Ward, b. July 1, 1807; d. June 25, 1882; residence Thorndike. Had no issue.

Phillip b. Thorndike, Maine, January 28, 1810; m. at Thorndike on February 23, 1830, to Mary Bagley of Troy, Maine; b. Dec. 14, 1810; a farmer; residence Thorndike, Maine; had eleven children. He died and buried at Thorndike, Maine. She b. at Durham, died and buried at Thorndike.

Joanna b. April 16, 1812, at Thorndike, Maine; m. Sept. 13, 1835, to Eli Philbrick; b. Feb. 8, 1811; d. Oct. 27, 1884; residence Thorndike, where she died Aug. 30, 1855; had four children:

Albina Philbrick b. Nov. 1836; 4 children.

Ellen Philbrick b. Nov. 21, 1838; 4 children.

Joseph Philbrick b. Nov. 21, 1840; 3 children.

Edward Philbrick b. April 19, 1850; 3 children.

Alden b. Jan. 13, 1814, at Thorndike, Maine; m. April 25, 1837, to Abigail, daughter of James and Mary (Davidson) Lamson, b. July 11, 1818; residence Thorndike; he d. Knox Nov. 24, 1848; she still living.

Caroline (2nd) b. Aug. 2, 1817; d. unmarried; intellectually ruined; had epileptic fits.

Mary b. May 12, 1819, at Thorndike, Maine; m. March 21, 1844, to Willard Cates; she d.; he resides at Lewiston, Maine; had six children surviving, one of which is Mary Cates, b. m. McKelloch; residence Quincy, Mass.

Hart Phillips, half brother, b. Sept. 19, 1799.

Jane b. January 24, 1816, at Thorndike, Maine; m. Nov. 30, 1837, to Hon. James D., son of James and Mary (Davidson) Lamson, b. Nobleboro, Maine, July 8, 1816. At the age of 16 he worked at carpenter trade; age 19, taught school until 28 years old, married and bought a farm; age 30 he was representative in the State Legislature and until 1858. In 1878 again chosen representative; in

1879 elected Senator; was president of that body and during vacancy of office of Mayor held that office ex-officio till the vacancy was filled. In 1880 elected Judge Probate Court Waldo Co., an office which expired in 1885. They had five children: Chas. F., b. Dec. 31, 1838, d. Jan. 11, 1839; Franklin R., b. Dec. 17, 1840; Isabel J., b. Dec. 2, 1844; Hannibal H., b. Sept. 28, 1849; Prof. Joseph Allen Lamson, b. Oct. 12, 1855.

(See letter of James D. Lamson above named, East Milton, Maine, March 24, 1896.)

BY COL. ALDEN J. BLETHEN.

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Col. Alden J. Blethen quotes a remark of his grandfather:

"I, Joseph Blethen, am now in my 69th year, and my nerves are in tremulous condition," and A. J. adds:

My grandfather lived to be nearly 86 years of age. Until his 50th year he was an infidel in his religious belief—or rather want of a belief. Until he was 70 years of age he was in a doubtful condition—neither an advocate of any religion, nor yet a believer in any of the 'isms of the day—but from his 71st year until the day of his death, about fifteen years as nearly as I can recall (and I remember my grandfather when I was but eight years of age, or as early as 1854,) he was a Quaker, thoroughly imbued with all their peculiarities in their characteristics, even to wearing a broad-brimmed hat and the use of the Scriptural language, which so eminently characterize the Quakers of New England. I give a few abstracts from his feelings in 1848, before he had passed out of the atheistic condition of his early manhood.

*Alden J. Blethen* (grandson to Joseph Blethen and son of Alden above named), who caused this record to be here transcribed. Grandfather Joseph Blethen says:

*'Genealogy of my Family on my Maternal Side.*

'Permit me to say I have no record of my father's family except his own age.

'If there be no error, and I believe there to be none—Sir William Thomson, knight and baron, of the City of London, was the father of Samuel Thompson, who came over to America and settled in the town of Ipswich, in the State of Massachusetts, about the year 1715.

'Samuel's family consisted of William, Samuel and Joseph. Samuel died when a mere boy. Joseph was my grandfather, as will be observed by this record.—*Joseph Blethen.*

'The great fortune, consisting of many millions of dollars, for which we have so long contended, was left by Sir William Thomson, my great great grandfather, that is, my grandfather's grandfather.

'I have written my name that it may be seen when I am not to be seen. It is now evening, and I am writing by candle light, and that is why I write so feebly, my eyesight being poorer than usual by reason of a bad cold.—*Joseph Blethen.*

'The plate (that is the silver cup) was sent to America by Sir William Thomson to his son Samuel, and by him given to his sons, William and Joseph, as testimonial of their right in heirship to this fortune.

To William was given the cup having two handles, with the name of Samuel inscribed upon it.

To Joseph was given the cup without a handle. The form of the latter was of a wine glass; its weight was \$10 and three-fourths in value. A bust was also given to Joseph Thompson, and a coat was given to William.

'Shame on them that they neglected to get this great fortune.'

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Thorndike, Saturday Eve, May 19, 1849.

Mr. Blethen, I have this moment received your letter, and deeply regret that I am under the necessity of informing you that probably from information by our Agent, who went to London last season, we have been defrauded of our right to a large fortune. However, your information of a fortune for the Blethen heirs is correct so far as regards the descendants of my father whose given name was Job. He had a brother John, from whom I suppose you descended. The reason why no other Blethen family would have been claimants is this: The fortune comes not by the Blethen blood. My mother was granddaughter to Samuel Thomson, who came from England about the first of the 17 Century. The letter and cups of which you make mention with the family Coat of Arms were sent to my Great Grandfather, Samuel Thomson, but my predecessors, because of misfortunes that befell many at that time who went out to England and other parts in Europe, to obtain property durst not venture there on such business. Our agent has returned; he gives us no encouragement of obtaining the fortune. Dear Sir, I am in my 70th year, but should be extremely obliged to you, if you travel into this part of the Country, that you will call on me. In sincerity, I bid you farewell.

JOSEPH BLETHEN.

P. S. I shall mail this at Unity in the morning, that you may hear sooner than from this place, because tis only weekly, being sent Sunday morning. Dear Sir. As regards this fortune it has for many years been supposed lost to the Heirs in America because it was not called for at the death of the only heir in England. This impression

was entertained because it was stated in the letter to my Gt. Grandfather in case of neglect it would be put into the Exchequer.

But Sir I heard of the advertisement of the property, and having seen one of the silver cups 44 years ago, the weight of which was 10 and 3-4 dollars, bearing the family coat of Arms. I set about the inquiry to ascertain its availability. If ultimately it turns out disappointment my ability for benevolence will never have arrived.

My tradition of the Blethen Genealogy is, that my Gt. Grandfather came from England to America not far from the first of the 17 century, he had three sons, Nathaniel, Samuel and John, the latter was my grandfather, he had four sons, James, (this one lost at sea near Portland) John, Job and Increase, also 4 daughters (1 of whom lived to be 106 years and 25 days old. She died in Unity, by the name of Chase. I was at her funeral, my Gt. Grandfather Thomson had six sons and two or three daughters. Joseph was my Grandfather he had 18 children, the mother of this host was only one woman. More than 100 names were sent to England. Go see Simon Day or Jesse, it may give you Great Satisfaction You may find in the first Volume of Modern Europe in 66 of the Eleventh, mention made of Blethin Prince of Wales. His name is but once found. You may see that I in the last syllable is instead of E. I presume it was the original spelling of the name. You see the tremulous condition of my nerves. I really should be greatly gratified, were I with you. Come Sir, take a tour this way, don't stop to think too much.

J. B. ."

(True copy of an old letter.)

### *"Some Religious Ideas."*

"I hope that the great fortune, to which I have referred, will be recovered, and thereby benefit posterity by helping to wipe off superstition, hypocrisy and bigotry, that people may believe for themselves—pinning their faith on no man's sleeve who will assert that the Lord ordered the Israelites, with Josh at their head, to murder thirty one kings and destroy their kingdom and take their property to themselves, as the story is told. This Josh, not only stopped the sun, but did many other remarkable things, as the stories are told, quite as impossible. But they were sanctioned by the hypocritical cant of inspiration, and hence had their effect. At the same time would any one have the daring impudence to assert that the same Lord that sets one man to butcher and rob his fellow creatures should be worshiped and adored. [This I do not deem correct, for the Lord is doing always good to those who come for good motives.—W. W. B.] I believe in an Almighty Power that brought everything into existence—but further than this no one ever did or ever will know.

My belief decidedly is that death produces an eternal sleep.—*Joseph Blethen.*

The reasons that I give for this belief is, that death is the most powerful destroyer of the Physical faculties, and no less so to the mental, which is known to us.

\*All are aware that some mere accident has, in numerous instances, wholly destroyed the mind which is that part of man believed to be the immortal and never dying part of man—the leading faculties of which are memory, judgment and imagination. Let anyone be deprived of memory and all is gone. The whole cause that brought man into this belief—that the human species pos-



sess supernatural part, was produced and brought about by the dread of death. So says common sense.

JOSEPH BLETHEN."

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Perhaps I should say in my explanation of the foregoing, that Sir William Thompson, Knight and Baron of the City of London, to whom my grandfather alludes, left his fortune without heirship—the same having been in the hands of the government of Great Britain since the death of Sir William—his heirs having all emigrated to America.

From the time my grandfather was forty years of age, or about 1830 down to 1850, he never gave up the hope of obtaining this fortune, to which he was direct heir, which will appear from the record herein contained.

In fact, in 1850, my grandfather went so far as to equip a special agent, and furnish him with a thousand dollars in money, to go to the Court of St. James, and to present the claim of the heirs of Sir William Thompson for this fortune, which was then believed to amount, in the aggregate, to something more than ten millions of dollars.

With this explanation, the various allusions made by my grandfather to "this fortune" will be understood.

ALDEN J. BLETHEN,

Son of Alden Blethen, and grandson to Joseph Blethen,  
both of whom are named in this record.

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David W. Phipps remembers seeing his great uncle, Joseph Blethen, in Knox, Me. Knox adjoins Thorndike, where Joseph lived. In 1841 Mrs. Wealthy (Warren) Brock was fatally ill with consumption and Joseph fre-

quently came to the house with delicacies and medicines to alleviate the sufferings of his niece, the daughter of his sister Elizabeth. David was only four years old; but he still retains the impression of his great uncle as a tall, slim man in long, gray coat and broad-brimmed hat; and of his "thee" and "thou" after the mode of expression in the Bible; the same way that Grandma Elizabeth Warren spoke; and their pronunciation of "put"—they sounded the letter "u" like "u" in "hut."

In later years when David's mother (then married the second time), Mrs. Phebe P. Bucklin, lived in Belfast, Maine, her uncle Joseph made occasional visits, on his trips to town, and David remembers about "Uncle Joseph's" speaking of his farm being a part of a land grant to Gen. Knox, after the Revolutionary War. Joseph said he went to work on the land to get from it the means of paying for it; but before he had accomplished the task he came to the conclusion that it would have been easier done by working out than by trying to extract the cash from the wild woodland.

Joseph at one time was a representative of Maine in the General Court (Legislature) of Massachusetts. It will be remembered that until 1820 Maine was a part of Massachusetts territory.

David remembers that on one of Joseph's visits to the Bucklin home, he told of his re-conversion from materialism to a belief in life after death. This was after "Spirit rappings" were taking place, and Joseph had had such convincing manifestations of the presence of relatives who had left the physical body that he could no longer deny the fact or possibility of life after the death of the physical body, and he was no longer held by the French materialistic philosophy of those times."

At the time that Joseph 5 was trying to get the estate of Sir William Thompson inquiries were made by relatives regarding the Thompson genealogy. In his replies he furnished the following:

*Record of my Grandfather, Joseph Thompson.*

1. Joseph Thompson, born March 6th, 1722, Ipswich, Mass.

2. Elizabeth Andrews, his wife, born May 3rd, 1732.

*Their Family:*

1. Elizabeth Thompson, born March 3rd, 1750.

2. Mary Thompson (my mother), born Nov. 29th, 1752.

3. Samuel Thompson, born June 20th, 1754.

4. Joseph Thompson, Jr., born January 2nd, 1756.

5. Sarah Thompson, born December 28th, 1757.

6. Joanna Thompson, born July 31st, 1759.

7. Susanna Thompson, born January 24th, 1761.

8. Wuhamia Thompson, born November 11th, 1762.

9. Joanna Thompson 2nd, born July 29th, 1764.

10. Jeremiah Thompson, born December 9th, 1765.

All of the above were born in Ipswich, Mass.

11. Lydia Thompson, born April 29th, 1767.

12. Jane Thompson, born August 29th, 1769.

13. William Thompson (named for Sir William), born Oct. 1st, 1770.

14. Stephen Thompson, born November 9th, 1772.

15. The tenth daughter was born March 4th, 1773, but was still born.

16. Jane Thompson 2nd, born June 5th, 1774.

17. David Thompson, born October 29th, 1775.

18. John Thompson, the last, born September 7th, 1777.

All the children below No. 10, inclusive, were born upon the Island of Mohegan.

JOSEPH BLETHEN.

(It will be observed that Elizabeth Andrews, the wife of Joseph Thompson, the family record of whom is given above, was born May 3rd, 1732, and was, therefore, 45 years of age when her last son—the 18th child was born, which occurred on September 7th, 1777—a record which few English or American mothers have made in the United States.)

*Family Record of Job and Mary Blethen.*

Job Blethen was born March 27, 1754, in Georgetown, Maine. Mary Thompson, his wife, the second daughter of Joseph Thompson and Elizabeth Andrews, as given above, was born Nov. 29th, 1752, in Ipswich, Mass.

Their children:

1. Joseph Blethen, born September 23rd, 1779.
2. Isaiah Blethen, born April 1st, 1781.
3. Joanna Blethen, born April 10th, 1783.
4. John Blethen, born February 16th, 1785, and died March 3rd, 1785.
5. Elizabeth Blethen, born April 17th, 1786; m. Rev. Chas. Warren.
6. John Blethen (2nd), born March 2nd, 1789.
7. Mary Blethen, born October 10th, 1792; m. — Shaw.
8. Wealthy Blethen, born September 12th, 1794; m. McClure.

## JOSEPH 5 TO HIS SON.

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“Thorndike, Me., January 25th, 1846. A record of your parents’ family.

“Joseph Blethen, born September 23rd, 1779, in Durham, Maine. His wife was Jennet, widow of Benjamin Phillips—her maiden name being Allen, and who was born September 23rd, 1782, in Bridgewater, Mass.”

### *Record of Our Family.*

1. Caroline Blethen, born December 5th, 1804, in Green, Maine, and this daughter died June 17th, 1819.
2. A son, born on August 30th, 1806, in Green, Maine, but died immediately.
3. Louisa Blethen, born April 4th, 1808, in Green, Maine.
4. Philip Blethen, born June 28th, 1810, in Thorndike, Maine.
5. Joanna Blethen, born April 16th, 1812, Thorndike, Maine.
6. Alden Blethen, born January 13th, 1814, Thorndike, Maine.
7. Jane Blethen, born January 24th, 1816, Thorndike, Maine.
8. Caroline Blethen 2nd, born August 2nd, 1819. Intellectually ruined by epileptic fits.
9. Mary Blethen, born May 12th, 1823, Thorndike, Maine.

10. Hart Phillips, your half-brother, was born Sept. 19th, 1799, Turner, Maine, your mother having been a widow when I married her.

*Marriages of the Children.*

Louise was married to Joseph Bagley, April 13th, 1829.

Philip was married to Mary Bagley, Feb. 23rd, 1830.

Joanna was married to Eli Philbrick, Sept. 13th, 1835.

Jane was married to James D. Lamson, Nov. 30th, 1837.

Alden was married to Abigail Lamson, April 25th, 1837.

Mary married Willard Cates, March 21st, 1844.

Hart Phillips, your half-brother, married Louisa Jones of Turner, Maine (date not given).

*Record of Your Mother's Parents and Their Family.*

James Allen, born Dec. 21, 1756, Bridgewater, Mass.

Polly Whitman, his wife, born Dec. 11, 1761, Bridgewater, Mass.

Their children:

1. Levi Allen, born Jan. 3rd, 1780.
2. Jennet, born Sept. 23, 1782.
3. Betsy Allen, born Sept. 5th, 1785.
4. Joanna Allen, born Jan. 28, 1788. All the above born in Bridgewater, Mass.
5. Isaac Allen, born March 3, 1790.
6. James Allen 2nd, born May 17, 1793.
7. Polly Allen, born May 6, 1796.
8. Jacob Allen, born July 16, 1799.
9. Pliny Allen, born Oct. 21, 1802, in Greene, Maine.  
(James, Polly and Jacob were born in Turner, Me.)

David Warren Phipps says:

"Regarding Job Fourth's daughter, Elizabeth, or Eliza, as usually called (my grandmother), she married Rev. Charles Warren, son of Henry Warren of the old colonial stock. Henry (my great grandfather) and his widow lived, died and were buried in Belfast, Maine. I don't know when they came from the vicinity of the Kennebec River. Grandfather Charles Warren was a farmer and cobbler and a Free-Will Baptist preacher, ordained at Thorndike Oct. 4, 1821. He bought a farm in Plymouth, Maine, and there they lived, raised their family and died. They had five children: Christiana, Wealthy, Phebe Philbrick, Mary and Sylvanus. They have all dropped the physical body.

Christiana married Harvey Brock, and Wealthy married James Brock. Both families moved from Plymouth, Maine; Harvey to Searsport and his brother James to Knox and then to Belfast, Maine.

Aunt Wealthy had four children: Almira (7th), Eliza (7th), Charles (7th), and Susan (7th). Almira and Susan lived to grow up and get married, and Almira (Fisher) had one daughter, Wealthy Fisher, who married Herbert Wiley; Susan married lieutenant Leroy Scott of Belfast, who was killed at the Battle of Gettysburg. The whole family is gone.

Phebe P. Warren (6th), my mother, born Sept. 3, 1815, died July 7, 1894, married (1) Stephen Edward Phipps, son of William Phipps, son of Thomas Phipps of colonial Massachusetts stock; (2) married James Bucklin of Knox, Maine. Children: David Warren Phipps (7th), born Aug. 29, 1837, in Plymouth, Maine; Herbert L. Bucklin (7th), born March 31, 1846, in Belfast, Maine; killed in 186— in battle of Irish Bend, La., being a member of the 26th Maine Regiment.

Leon O. Bucklin (7th) born Oct. 7, 1851, in Belfast, Maine; m. Susan Wallace of N. B. They live in Belfast, Maine, had two children; the second one, Leona, is married to John Beckwith (railroad man) of Belfast, Maine; live in Springfield, Mass. The elder child, Blanche, died of cerebro-spinal menengitis. I have not the date of the death of my father (my memorandum was burned), nor of Mr. Bucklin's death. Leon, like others, did not fill out the record.

Mary (6th) m. Richard Waterman of Belfast, Maine, and had four children: Julia (7th), Augustus (7th), and two named Wakefield (7th), the older of the two was drowned in infancy; Julia, the oldest, is married to Martin V. B. Knowlton of Belfast, and is now living in Rockland, Maine; Augustus enlisted in ——th Massachusetts Regiment, and was debilitated by experience in Libby prison; was exchanged and sent home to die; John Wakefield 2nd, after reaching maturity, died of disease.

Sylvanus (6th) married Sarah Waterman of Belfast; had three children, moved to California; both he and his wife died. He was a farmer and preacher like his father, also a school teacher. His son, Joseph Warren, was in California (I think it was Stockton), the last I knew of him; I wrote him a letter there which was returned.

Job's (4th) daughter Wealthy married —— Shaw, a farmer of Thorndike, Maine; they lived and died there. As I remember, they had four children; Albert and Julia were the oldest; there was another boy and girl. I cannot think of their names now, though it was the younger boy I played with when I visited Aunt Shaw about sixty-nine years ago. Albert was then married and had a child a year or two old. I remember of sitting bent over in a little child's chair at Aunt Shaw's and Julia came up behind me, placed her hands on my shoulders, straightened



me up and told me to sit up straight or I would be round shouldered like Grandfather Warren. Julia married ——— Files and lived in Unity. Albert, as I remember, was at one time principal of Belfast Academy."

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Joseph Brock (7th) furnishes the following regarding his parents' family; Joseph is a land surveyor and conveyancer in Searsport, Maine.

Harvey Brock, born in Buckfield, Maine, Aug. 28, 1809.

Christiana P. (6th) (Warren), born in Thorndike, Me., Nov. 6, 1813, daughter of Elizabeth (Blethen) Warren, who was a daughter of Job Blethen, 4.

Marriage at Thorndike, September 26, 1833.

Children:

Mary C. Brock, born Plymouth, Aug. 7, 1835.

Christiana Brock, born Etna, November 6, 1838.

Freeman Brock, born Plymouth, March 7, 1841.

Calvin Brock, born Plymouth, February 14, 1843.

Armenia W. Brock, born Plymouth, July 30, 1845.

Sarah C. Brock, born Plymouth, Sept. 11, 1847.

Almira A. Brock, born December 24, 1850.

Melissa R. Brock, born April 22, 1853.

Joseph W. Brock, born March 4, 1856.

#### *Deaths.*

Harvey Brock, at Searsport, Oct. 22, 1890.

Christiana P. Brock, at Searsport, Oct. 29, 1895.

*Children of Harvey and Christiana P. Brock.*

Freeman, Maryland, Aug. 24, 1862, in the army.

Calvin, Plymouth, Oct. 13, 1843.

Melissa R., Feb. 9, 1875, at Belfast, Maine.

Mary C., Aug. 11, 1899, Lewiston, Maine.

Christiana V., April 13, 1906, Searsport, Maine.

Of Isaiah (5th), son of Job Fourth, John Third, John Second, John First. Born in Durham, Maine, April 1, 1781; died in Thorndike, Maine, 1858; married Polly Spencer, daughter of Isaac Spencer of Clinton, Maine, 1801. She born Clinton, Maine; died and buried at Thorndike, 1846.

Their children were born in Thorndike, died and buried there:

Angeline (6) b. in Thorndike, Maine, April 14, 1803. Married Isaac Clark of Frankfort, 1835, son of Isaac and Susanna Downs Clark; she died Feb. 2, 1883, at Frankfort and interred there; he, Isaac, was b. February 19, 1802, Frankfort, Maine, and died Nov. 22, 1878, in Frankfort and interred there. Their children all born in Frankfort, Maine:

Abilgail (7) b. March 27, 1836; married three times and died Aug. 23, 1888, in Frankfort.

Jane Blethen Clark (7), b. January 26, 1838.

Husband of Jane Blethen (7) Clark, James Nichols Atwood, b. in Frankfort, Oct. 24, 1823, son of Barnabus and Olive Nichols Atwood. They recognize their ancestry back to the first settlers in Massachusetts; also back to England. James and Jane were married in Frankfort by Rev. Joshua D. Hall, Dec., 1862. Their children: Olive (8) was b. Oct. 3, 1863; m. Nov. 24, 1870; her husband died less than a year. Jennie Lottie (8) b. Dec. 4, 1864, m. Dec. 17, 1886, and had daughter, Beulah Ethel (9) Withee, b. 1891; James Noah (9) Atwood was born June 10, 1860 (son of Jennie L. Atwood), and all her children (those of Jennie L. Atwood) were b. in Frankfort, Maine.

- Addison Clark (7) b. Jan. 8, 1840, lost at sea, Oct. 10, 1866.
- Harriet (7) b. June 27, 1841; m. Alden Dudley in Orient, Oregon, Feb. 20, 1879.
- Willard Clark (7) b. April 19, 1843; m. Alley, d. Sept. 19, 1893, and he left seven children, Harriet one.
- Thomson (6) b. 1805; m. Jane Shirley; d. in Swanville, Maine, Feb. 2, 1865, age 60 years, five months.
- Sophronia (6) b. ———; m. Stephen Rand; d. in Thorndike; had children, Alphonse Rand.
- (See letter from Mrs. Jane Blethen Clark Atwood to Bliven, March 15, 189—, from Benton Falls, Maine.)
- Appleton (6) b. ———; m. Lucinda Rand Nov. 27, 1834; she died Jan. 21, 1885, daughter of Jeremiah Rand and Sarah Jones; he died in Thorndike, March 19, 1879.
- John Chandler (6) b. ———; m. Abigail Taylor.
- Adeline (6) b. ———; m. James or John Shirley; had children: Mark (7), Fannie (7) and May (7); lived in Mass.
- Washington (6) Blethen b. March 26, 1815; d. April 22, 1815.
- George Washington (6) b. ———; m. Shirley; lost at sea.
- Jeanette (6) b. Feb. 3, 1818; m. Jacob Clemens Coffin; he b. Nov. 6, 1806, and he died Aug. 29, 1864; buried in Thorndike. She died Dec. 6, 1874. They had children: Anna M. (7) Coffin, b. Jan. 5, 1840; Augustus (7), b. Jan. 23, 1842; Isaiah (7), b. Jan. 5, 1845; Loren (7), b. Jan. 15, 1847; Etta J. (7), b. June 16, 1852. Army list: Augustus Coffin died in battle of Wilderness, May 24, 1864. Isaiah Coffin was in the army and died at Louisiana of fever, June 6, 1864.

Loren Coffin died in Lawrence, Mass., June 14, 1893.  
Anna M. (Coffin) Towle died Aug., 1895, buried at  
Thorndike.

Augustin (6) b. Sept. 1, 1820; d. April 29, 1889; m. Jane  
A. Boothby; d. at Thorndike; had children.

Isaiah (6) b. —————; m. Hannah Ross; d. at Sears-  
port, Maine.

Israel (6) Thorndike b. —————; m. Sarah Went-  
worth; d. in Bangor, Maine.

Harriet B. (6) b. —————; m. Chas. Dutton; died at  
Thompsonville, Conn., and had children: Fred (7),  
Florence (7), who married a Bennett.

—————; died in infancy.

(See letters of Mrs. Carrie Blethen Simpson, Thorn-  
dike, Maine, for record of Isaac's family; also address of  
some grandchildren in 1899. See blank filled by Etta J.,  
daughter of Jeanette above named. See card of Fred O.  
Dutton, Thompsonville, March 15, 1899; also of Chas.  
Appleton Blethen, grandson of Isaiah.)

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Of Valentine Bliffins (5th), son of Nathaniel 4, Na-  
thaniel 3, John 2, John 1. Borne June 19, 17—; m. (1st)  
Hannah Evans; (2nd) Mrs. Wilbur of Fall River; by  
wife Hannah had all his children:

Anson b. Feb. 14, 1790; m. Rachel Davis of Fall River,  
July 11, 1816.

Thomas (6) b. —————; m. Sara R.

Samuel (6) Valentine b. —————; m. (1st) Olive  
Davis; (2nd) Mrs. Chartley Martin; no family by  
second wife.

Sybil (6) b. —————; m. Baylies Snell; they had:  
Hannah Emily (7), who married Phillip Evans; and  
Mary Maria (7), who married Frank Brightman;

Hannah Emily Evans had children: Emily (8) and Sybil (8); Mary Maria Brightman had issue: Frank (8), Sybil (8) and Louis (8).

Amelia (6) b. ; also commonly called Amy; never married; died at age of 46 years.

(See letter of Mabel J. Provost, Steep Brook, Mass., Nov. 11, 1898.)

Sybil Brightman, daughter of Mary Maria, married Frank Read; had son.

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Of Levi 5th), son of Ichabod Fourth, Samuel 3, John 2, John 1. Born in Georgetown, Maine, Aug. 17, 1792; he died Dec. 13, 1876; married Mary (Nancy) Powers; she was born in Georgetown, July 11, 1795; died March 23, 1881. Children:

Gilbert F. (6) b. Phippsburg, Maine, Oct. 27, 1815; died April 13, 1895; not married.

William (6) b. Feb. 8, 1818; married.

Elizabeth (6) b. May 12, 1820; died Dec. 25, 1867; m.

Francis H. Moise at Phippsburg, Maine; had children Adalbert (7), Oregon (7), Nancy (7), Rachel (7).

Catherine b. June 5, 1823; d. Sept. 28, 1840; not married.

Albian b. April 1, 1826; died March 7, 1833; not married.

Clark b. January 28, 1829.

Clement P. b. Jan. 19, 1832; d. June 25, 1882; married in San Francisco, Cal.

Albion K. P. b. Nov. 30, 1834; married in Phippsburg, Maine; lives in Oakland, Cal.

Sewell M. b. March 10, 1838; d. Oct. 27, 1876; not married.

(See Clark's letters from San Francisco, Cal., to Bliven, dated Dec. 26, 1898, Jan. 18, 1899, Feb. 10, 1899 and April 18, 1899. See also letter of A. K. Blethen, 29 Weston St., Brockton, Mass., Nov. 18, 1898).

Of Benjamin (5th), son of Increase Fourth, John 3, John 2, John 1. Born about 1799; married Sarah Gordon; died about 1837; lived and died in Phillips, Maine. They had children:

Abraham b. \_\_\_\_\_; m. Mary Russell; said to have died in West Virginia.

Mary (6) b. \_\_\_\_\_; m. Ebenezer Orr; dead.

James (6) b. 1822; still living (1895) at Spooner, Wis.; married Ann Jane Kent; his second wife was Lydia S. Perry.

Nathan Whitney (6) b. 1823 (or 24); lived near Trinidad, Colo.; m. Clara Mosher of Bangor, Maine; she was born at Bridgeport, Maine. Moved when Antoinette (7) was 13 months old, to Yarmouth, N. S.

John G. (6) b. \_\_\_\_\_; went to sea (his fate unknown) when about 14 years of age.

Adoniram C. (6) b. 1831 or 1832; m. Ellen Sullivan of Yarmouth, N. S.; (2nd wife was Nancy Ward); lived at Bridgeport, Maine.

Rachel Tabitha (6) b. 1834, in Chicago; m. Washburn Coy of Charleston, Maine; had children: (1) Louisa J. (7) m. Albert J. Roberts, and they had Coy A. (8) Roberts; (2) Addie B. Coy, unmarried.

Irene D. (6) b. about 1836; lived in Passadumkeag, Maine; m. Daniel T. Tasker in Bangor, Maine, 1855; they had: John (7), who married Carrie Bates of Passadumkeag, Maine.

(See letter of Mrs. Louise J. Coy Roberts, heretofore referred to; also see letter of G. H. Blethen, Portsmouth, Ohio, Aug. 16, 1898, to Bliven. See letter of Levi, son of James, Increase, etc., heretofore referred to.)

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Of James (5th), son of Increase 4, John 3, John 2, John

1. Lived at Phillips, Maine; married Sarah Byron; raised seven children, four boys and three girls, as follows:

Levi (6) b. 1829; lived at Meridian, Bosque Co., Texas.  
(See his letter from Meridian, Texas, March 18, 1899, to Bliven.)

Eliza A. (6) of Phillips, Maine, b. 1828 and lives in Heath, Mass., on a farm; m. Trask in 1849. (See her letter from Heath, Mass., April 12, 1899, to Bliven.)

James H. (6) b. ; lives in Minnesota.

Samuel Byron (6) b. Phillips, Maine, Oct. 6, 1834; died June, 1898, at Somerville, Mass.; buried at Natick, Mass.; m. Laura Sanborn Woodbury, Alexandria N. H.; she b. May 16, 1834.

Jennie C (6) b. ; m. James, lived at Denver, Colorado.

Mary T. (6) b. ; m. Miner, lives at Clinton, Mass., 56 Grove St. (See Mary's letter to Bliven May 5, 1899.)

William H. (6) b. ; m. Sarah F. Hunter, May 7, 1879.

(See letter of Levy above named, Meridian, Bosque Co., Texas, March 18, 1899, to Bliven.)

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Of Increase (5th), son of Increase 4, John 3, John 2, John 1. Born ; married Irene Davenport; lived in Phillips, Maine, then moved to Madrid, Maine. They had children:

Jehial (6) b.

Samuel (6) b. ; lives at Oakland.

Laura (6) b.

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Of Appleton (6th), son of Isaiah 5, Job 4, John 3, John 2, John 1. Born ; married Lucinda Rand, Nov.

27, 1834; she died Jan. 21, 1888, daughter of Jeremiah Rand and Sarah Jones. He died at Thorndike, March 19, 1879. Children:

Emily R. (7) b. Thorndike, Maine, Nov. 30, 1835 (Mrs. G. H. Smith, Haverhill, Mass.)

Mary E. (7) b. Thorndike, Maine, July 1, 1837.

Jane B. (7) b. Thorndike, Maine, May 3, 1839.

Adeline S. (7) b. Thorndike, Maine, Sept. 1, 1841.

Martha (7) b. Thorndike, April 6, 1842.

George A. (7) b. Thorndike, Maine, Dec. 21, 1844; dead.

Lydia E. (7) b. Thorndike, Maine, Sept. 23, 1846.

Nelson D. (7) b. Thorndike, Maine, Jan. 18, 1849.

Sarah R. (7) b. Thorndike, Maine, June 23, 1850.

Chas. Appleton (7) b. Thorndike, Maine, March 22, 1852;  
married Delia S. (who was born July 16, 1862) on  
April 29, 1886; resides at Haverhill, Mass.

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Of John Chandler (6th), son of Isaiah 5, Job 4, John 3,  
John 2, John 1. Born \_\_\_\_\_; married Abigail Tyler;  
she born \_\_\_\_\_; died \_\_\_\_\_; buried at Frank-  
fort, Maine. Children:

Washington (7) b. \_\_\_\_\_; married Evelyn B. San-  
born; he died Oct., 1871, interred Winterport, Maine;  
she died and interred in Winterport, Maine; they lived  
in Frankfort, Maine.

John b. July 5, 1843; m. Mary J. Durgin; she born Oct.  
17, 1844, and died Sept. 13, 1893; interred Rockland,  
Maine.

Joseph b. \_\_\_\_\_; m. \_\_\_\_\_; lives at Frank-  
fort, Maine.

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Of Augustine (6th), son of Isaiah 5, Job 4, John 3, John  
2, John 1. Born in Thorndike, Maine, Sept. 1, 1820; mar-



ried Jane A. Boothby Oct. 15, 1848; died at Thorndike, Maine, April 29, 1889. They had children:

Lizzie G. (7) b. Thorndike, Aug. 10, 1849; m. Martin V. Cook, Jan. 1, 1874; no children; she died in New York, May 27, 1878.

Boutell B. (7) b. Thorndike, Maine, May 1st, 1851; married Ella M. Sanderson of Lowell, Mass.; no children.

Clara Nettie (7) b. Thorndike, Maine, June 2, 1855; died Nov. 19, 1856.

Carrie W. (7) b. Thorndike, Maine, July 17, 1857; m. Elijah H. Simpson, Sept. 11, 1880; they have one son, Arthur Elijah (8), b. Dec. 2, 1886.

Albert A. (7) b. Thorndike, Maine, March 10, 1861; m. Mabelle Whitten, Oct. 10, 1882; she died about 1887; they had no children.

(See letter of Carrie W. (Blethen) Simpson, (above named) Thorndike, Maine, March 18, 1899, to Bliven.)

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Of Isaiah (6th), son of Isaiah 5, Job 4, John 3, John 2, John 1. Born \_\_\_\_\_; married Hannah Ross; lived in Massachusetts; died at Searsport, Maine. Children:

Hugh b.

Lena b.

Fred b.

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Of Israel Thorndike (6th), son of Isaiah 5, Job 4, John 3, John 2, John 1. Married Sarah Wentworth; lives in Bangor, Maine. Children:

Charles b. \_\_\_\_\_; married

Wesley b.

Leslie b.

Of Samuel Byron (6th), son of James 5, Increase 4, John 3, John 2, John 1. Born in Phillips, Maine, Oct. 6, 1834; married Laura Sanborn Woodbury, July, 1857, of Alexandria, N. H.; she born May 16, 1834; he died at Somerville, Mass., June 7, 1898, and buried at Natick, Mass. Their children:

Lillian Eva b. July, 1858; died Sept., 1858, at Natick, Mass.

Alice Moore b. Nov. 21, 1864, at Natick, Mass.; m. Llewellyn Jackson, May 30, 1880. Have child, Wilmot Byron, lived at Arlington, Mass.

Fannie Jewell b. June 27, 1866, at Natick, Mass.; m. Napoleon J. Hardy, March 13, 1886. They had children: Laurel Blethen, Alice Adelaide, Byron Ernest. Live at Arlington, Mass.

Dana Howard b. March 21, 1869, at Natick, Mass.; m. Edith I. Cann, Feb. 10, 1892; had child, Earle Ross Blethen; live at Somerville, Mass.

Ida Francis b. May 17, 1873, at Natick, Mass.; m. William D. Buckman, June 7, 1899; live at Somerville, Mass.

(See letter of Ida's to Bliven, dated Somerville, Mass., July 11, 1899.)

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Of William H (6th), son of James 5, Increase 4, John 3, John 2, John 1; married Sarah F. Hunter, May 7, 1879. Living at Strong, Maine. Children:

George H. b. March 31, 1883; died Sept. 6, 1883.

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Of John (6th), son of James 5, John 4, John 3, John 2, John 1. Born Sept. 6, 1789; married Rebecca Blethen, daughter of John Blethen and Sally Pomroy. He died April 3, 1870. Children:

Elbridge b. January 29, 1814; living at Lisbon Falls, Me.; m Olive Coffin, March 27, 1857. Had one daughter, born Dec. 25, 1873, named Jennie L. Blethen; was married to Charles H. Earle, Aug. 29, 1893; they have two sons, Carleton and Myron.

(See letter from Mrs. Elbridge G. Blethen, above named, to Bliven, March 9, 1899, from Lisbon Falls, Maine.)

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Of George (6th), son of James 5, John 4, John 3, John 2, John 1. Born July 28, 1804; married April 13, 1826; died Feb. 23, 1890. They had children:

Daniel B. b March 4, 1829.

G. Wendell b. Dec. 31, 1830; m. Sept. 3, 1855.

Waitstill D. b. July 5, 1833.

Marguerite b. Oct. 15, 1834; died July 13, 1890.

Mary E. b. Aug. 31, 1836; died April, 1881.

Kate b. June, 1840.

James b. Oct. 13, 1842; died Dec. 30, 1848.

Susan E. b. June 14, 1844; died Feb. 18, 1865.

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Of Reuben (6th), son of James 5, John 4, John 3, John 2, John 1. Born Oct. 12, 1776; died June 18, 1859; married Sept. 14, 1797 to Ruth —————; she born March 18, 1784. He died at Mackford, Wis., about 1860, age 80 years. She died Dec. 15, 1831. They had children:

Gideon b. Jan. 23, 1801; died Sept., 1840.

Dorothy b. Aug. 1, 1803.

Glidden b. Aug. 7, 1806; died Oct. 21, 1807.

Orphia G. b. Nov. 3, 1808; died March 19, 1824.

Diannie b. April 10, 1811; died Feb. 14, 1826.

Joseph b. Feb. 17, 1814; died July 19, 1883; m. Eliza Snell, Nov. 4, 1838.

William b. June 11, 1816.

Henry K. b. Oct. 17, 1819; m. Mercey Robinson.

Abel C. b. Sept. 22, 1822; died Oct. 1849; m. Rebecca Resacet; had children: Nellie E., who married Frank Blackburn.

Mary B. b. July 6, 1828; m. James Mores; he died and she married (2) Sewell Grisler; had two sons by James Mores.

All of the direct children dead but Henry.

(See record of Reuben's family bible in hands of Chas. E. Blethen, of Walnut Grove, Minn. See letter of O. A. Blethen, Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 23, 1898, to Bliven.)

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Of Isaac (6th), son of James 5, John 4, John 3, John 2, John 1. He was of Dover, Maine; was proprietor for many years of the Blethen House at Dover, Maine. Born June 30, 1801; married Susan G. ————. She died in 1870, many years before her husband, at Dover, Maine, at the age of 85 years. He died March 19, 1881. They had children:

Isaac D. b. Dec. 10, 1820; m. Julia Elder of Dexter, Maine; two daughters living.

William D. b. March 12, 1831. Now proprietor of the Blethen House; m. Mary C.; has two sons, Walter H. and Harry W.; live at Dover; Walter in hotel with father, Harry a jeweler.

Charles A. b. Dec. 5, 1825; m. Lydia Gallison; lives in Oakland, Cal. No children.

James E. b. June 25, 1828; married twice; has nine children, five boys and four girls. In 1849 he went to San Francisco and lived there about seven years; he then crossed the bay and lived in Oakland, Cal., where he now lives. He served two terms as mayor of Oakland.

Jonas L. b. April 3, 1823; m. Mary Downing; died in Nevada, leaving two sons.

Alphonse G. b. Jan. 12, 1834, at Dover, Maine; m. Martha J. Rockwell, Feb. 1861; she born Jan. 1, 1837, in Wood, Maine.

(I have a note here of a jeweler at Foxcroft, Maine, married and has two daughters and one son, but I do not know where I got it.)

Henry A. b. Aug. 11, 1836, a jeweler at Dexter, Maine; called Doctor or Dock by his family because of his being the seventh son in succession; m. Helena Turner; has one son, Ralph.

Susan Augusta b. Aug. 14, 1838; m. J. H. Alden; no children; both are dead.

Helen Almeda b. Jan. 8, 1842; lives at the Blethen House; not married.

(See letter of James E., East Oakland, Cal., March 12, 1899, to Bliven; also letter of Mrs. Ella I. Stirling, daughter of said James, dated Dover, N. H., July 13, 1898; and of Alphonso G. Blethen, dated Dover, Maine, April 3, 1899; and of Walter H. Blethen.)

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Of Ebenezer (6th), son of John 5, John 4, John 3, John 2, John 1. Married Margaret Coombs; died January 14, 1888; she died Dec. 27, 1892. They had children:

Kilgore b. Bangor, Maine.

Wm. W. Blethen b. Lisbon, Maine, Oct. 29, 1833; m. April 4, 1880, to Deborah Folsom; she born at Cambridge, Maine, Sept. 11, 1839. He died April 27, 1892, in Bradford.

Henrietta b. ; dead.

Horace K. b. ; dead.

Dexter W. b. ; resides at Foxcroft, Maine.

Caroline b. ; dead.  
James N. b. ; dead.  
Mary E. b. ; m. Knowlton; resides in Sangers-  
ville, Maine. (Alonzo Knowlton, residing at Bangor,  
Maine.)  
Anna M. Chadborn, residing at Bangor, Maine.  
Margaret C. Kimball, resides at Bradford, Maine.  
Alanson b.

(For above see letter of Lester (Wm. B.'s son) and De-  
borah (Wm. B.'s widow), East Bradford, Me., Oct. 7,  
1898, to Wm. W. Bliven. Also Mrs. Olive Eldridge  
Blethen, Lisbon Falls, Me., March 20, 1899.)

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Of William (6th), son of John 5, John 4, John 3, John  
2, John 1. Born in Lisbon, Maine; married Mary Dow,  
who was born in Wiscasset, Maine. Died about 1891.  
Children:

Joseph, b. in Lisbon, Maine; m. and lives in Chelsea, Mass.,  
156 Chestnut St. He was a small boy when his  
mother died and his father sent him to another place  
to live. They had children: George, lives in Brad-  
ley, Maine, and a girl who died when a child.

(See letter of Mrs. Joseph B. to Mr. Bliven, Feb. 28,  
1899.)

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Of Dr. Alonzo Cary Blethen (6th), son of Jonathan  
5, John 4, John 3, John 2, John 1. Born Aug. 1, 1827,  
lived at Reading, Mass. Died April 28, 1899; married  
twice, the second time Francis L. Gilman, Nov. 1, 1851.  
By first wife had children:

Josiah G. b.  
Arthur A. b.  
Fanny May b.

The cellar of house of Dr. A. C. Blethen's great-grandfather is on the banks of the Androscoggin River in Lisbon, and a little further on away was the cellar of Dr. A. C. Blethen's grandfather's house. (See letters of A. C. Blethen and wife, Oct., Nov., Dec., Reading, Mass., to Wm. W. Bliven.)

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The following is a clipping taken from a newspaper in Reading, Mass., dated Saturday, April 29, 1899:

*"Sudden Death of Dr. Blethen."*

"Dr. Alonzo Cary Blethen was taken ill at 11 p. m. Thursday and died at 4 Friday morning. The attending physician ascribes neuralgia of the heart as the cause of death. The doctor had been warned by physicians to avoid all excitement several years ago, and while he was not told that he had a heart difficulty, such was probably the case. He was at work all the afternoon preceding his death on property owned by him on Federal Street. His age was 71 years, 8 months, 27 days.

Dr. Blethen was born in Dover, Maine, near Bangor. He learned the profession of dentistry of old Dr. Dudley, the most thorough and advanced dentist of his time. Dr. Blethen started in business for himself in Stoneham, and met with success that would have satisfied a less ambitious man. Convinced that this field would not give him much more than a living, he established himself in Lynn in 1850, where he was very successful. He had the reputation among dealers in dentists' supplies of doing the largest business in his line in Essex county.

Deceased came to Reading in 1886. He has practiced some at his profession here, but never made any special effort to get business. He was a successful man, his ex-

treme affability and pleasantness contributing to his material prosperity. Familiarity with all matters of public import made him an interesting conversationalist. His neighbors bear testimony as to his worth as an individual and a citizen.

Dr. Blethen was a member of the Masonic fraternity. For seven years he was High Priest of the Lynn Chapter.

He is survived by a sorrowing widow.

The funeral services will be held from the late home on Monday."

#### DIED.

"BLETHEN—In Reading, April 28, Dr. Alonzo Cary Blethen, 71 years, 8 months, 27 days."

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Of William (6th), son of Levi 5, Ichabod 4, Samuel 3, John 2, John 1. Born Feb. 8, 1818; was married and had children:

Galen C. b.

Catherine b.

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Of Clark (6th), son of Levi 5, Ichabod 4, Samuel 3, John 2, John 1. Born Jan. 28, 1829; married in Phippsburg, Maine, Nov., 1852, to Amoreal L. Foote; she died about 1862; he married second time Dec. 31, 1868, to Annie J. Sherwood, of Bath, Maine; his second marriage took place at Mystic River, Conn. All of his children are by first wife, none by second. Now lives in San Francisco, Cal. Children: Henry Frederick b. in Phippsburg, Maine, Oct. 20, 1853; m. in Salem Depot, N. H., to Abbie A. Bradford, May 17, 1878.

Costella Ann b. in Bath, Maine, Dec. 2, 1858. Single.



(See Clark's letter of April 18, 1899; see also Clark's letters to Bliven, San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 20, 1898; Jan. 18, 1899; Feb. 10, 1899; April 18, 1899.)

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Of Clement P. (6th), son of Levi 5, Ichabod 4, Samuel 3, John 2, John 1. Born Jan. 19, 1832; died June 25, 1882; married in San Francisco, Cal., to Mary C. Chalmers, June 1862. Children:

Grace Lillian b. in Shanghai, Oct. 1, 1864; m. Henry Stilwell in San Francisco, June 8, 1886; has one child, Grace Louise, born in San Francisco, June 10, 1889.

Mary Adaline b. in Shanghai, China, July 23, 1867; m. Robert L. Sherwood in San Francisco, Dec. 5, 1889; no children. ✓

Clement Lincoln b. in Shanghai, China, June 9, 1869; not married.

Howard Taylor b. in Shanghai, July 21, 1870; single.

Clark Alexis b. in Shanghai, China, May 3, 1873; married Dora Collins, San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 31, 1891.

Nancy Gertrude b. Shanghai, Aug. 1, 1875; single.

Janette Guellian b. San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 14, 1876; single.

Albion Ernest b. San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 20, 1881; single.  
All living in San Francisco, Cal.

(Clement P. Blethen of San Francisco, had records in England (British Museum) and Wales searched for Blethen genealogy at a cost of about \$800.00. See letter of his brother, Clark Blethen, to Bliven, San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 18, 1899. See Clark's letter of April 18, 1899; also see three letters and two wills relative to the pedigree found in his late brother's papers.)

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Albion K. P. (6th), son of Levi 5, Ichabod 4, Samuel 3,

John 2, John 1. Born Nov. 3, 1834; married Sarah A. Morse at Bath, Maine, July 12, 1863. Married in Phippsburg and now lives at Oakland, Cal. Children:

Lizzie Arabine b. Small Point, Maine, April 24, 1864; m. John J. Gallagher in San Jose, Cal., Feb. 11, 1895; no children.

Lena May b. at Small Point, Maine, Jan. 26, 1868; m. Anthony D. Dennis at San Francisco, Cal., Oct. 4, 1888; no children.

Levi Winslow b. at Small Point, Maine, Sept. 6, 1878.

(Small Point is now called Ashdale.)

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Of Nathan Whitney (6th), son of Benj. 5, Increase 4, John 3, John 2, John 1. Lives near Trinidad, Colorado; born 1823 or 1824; married Clara Mosher of Bangor, Me.; she was born in Bridgeport, Maine; living now at Pueblo, California. Children:

Fred Webster b. ; lost at sea.

Antoinette Whitney b. ; m. Geo. L. Burchell of Sydney, N. S.; lives at Boston, Mass.

Frank b. ; m. and lives in New Orleans.

George Pilvolado b. ; lives in Colorado, probably Denver.

Charles Bruce b. ; m. Ada Steele of Yarmouth, N. S.

Clara Blake b. ; m. Charles Burchell of Sydney, N. S.

(See Antoinette W. Burchell's letter to Bliven.)

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Of Adoniram Cates (6th), son of Benjamin 5, Increase 4, John 3, John 2, John 1. Born about 1831 or 1832; mar-

ried Ellen Sullivan of Yarmouth, N. S.; he died in the winter of 1896 or 1897. Children:

Charles W. b. ; m. Clara Roberts of Yarmouth, N. S.; connected with Inland Revenue Department, Halifax, N. S.

Adoniram (This is also Adoniram Cates Benton above referred to); married Nancy Ward and had children.

Ellen Elizabeth b. ; m. William Knowles of Bangor, Maine.

(See letter of Louise J. Roberts heretofore referred to.)

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Rachel Tabitha Blethen (6th), daughter of Benjamin 5, Increase 4, John 3, John 2, John 1. Born 1834. In 1898 was living in Spooner, Wis. Married Washburn Coy of Charleston, Maine. Had children:

Louise J. b. ; m. Albert J. Roberts; in 1898 was living at 611 Congress St., Chicago; have had one child, boy, Coy A. Roberts.

Addie B. Coy b. ; unmarried; in 1898 was living in Maine.

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Irene Davenport Blethen (6th), daughter of Benjamin 5, Increase 4, John 3, John 2, John 1. Born about 1836. In 1898 was living in Passadumkeag, Maine. Married Frank D. Tasker; had issue: John C., who married Carrie Bates, of Passadumkeag, Maine.

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Of Anson Blethen (6th), of Fall River, son of Valentine Blifins<sup>5</sup>, Nathaniel 4, Nathaniel 3, John 2, John 1. Born Feb. 14, 1790. Was drowned in his saw mill Oct. 31, 1824. On July 11, 1816, married Rachel Davis of Fall River, (formerly Troy) Mich. Rachel was born April 12, 1800, and died Aug. 13, 1884. They had children:

Troy b. April 12, 1824; died Aug. 13, 1884.

Hannah b. March 3, 1817, at Fall River, Mich.; died Jan. 15, 1869; m. Chas Lawton of Portsmouth, R. I., Feb. 22, 1835; they located at Taunton, Mass. He died May 5, 1887. They had children: Infant, died; Sarah Francis b. Jan. 4, 1843; Hannah b. Nov. 1, 1846; died Sept. 23, 1873.

Edmund Davis b. Fall River, April 13, 1819; died Oct. 24, 1820.

Edmund Davis 2nd b. Fall River, Aug. 17, 1821; died Feb. 16, 1823.

Anson b. Aug. 12, 1823; m. Mary Myrick Thurston of Fall River, July, 1845; died 1865.

Sarah Francis Lawton, daughter of Hannah above named, married David Henry Blanchard of East Stonington, now Avon, Mass., Sept. 11, 1866; she and her husband had children: Henry Lawton Blanchard, b. Oct. 10, 1870, and Henry Lawton was a graduate of Harvard College, class 1896.

(See Mabel J. Provost's letter, Steep Brook, Mass., Nov. 11, 1895, to Bliven; also letter of Sarah Francis above named, Avon, Mass., Sept. 24, 1898.)

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Of Thomas (6th), son of Valentine 5, Nathaniel 4, Nathaniel 3, John 2, John 1. He died Sept. 18, 1835. Married Sara ———, who died May 27, 1872, age 71 years. He was only 37 years old when he died of lock-jaw. They had children:

Sybil b.

Anson b.

Harriet b.

David b.

Thomas b.

Of Samuel Valentine (6th), son of Valentine 5, Nathaniel 4, Nathaniel 3, John 2, John 1. By his first wife, Olive Davis, who was born 1811 and died 1846, he had children. His second wife was Mrs. C. Martin, by whom he had no family. Children:

Olive b. ; m. Abraham Read; they had no children. She died May 13, 1896, age 74 years. He was a carpenter and was killed in 1880, carrying a load of wood, team upsetting and crushing him.

Samuel Valentine b. ; m. (1) Elizabeth Wilson; (2) Jane Borden.

Sarah b. ; m. Anson Davis; had no children; Anson Davis died March, 1892.

Elizabeth J. (7) b. ; m. William Seager; had Olive, who married John Seager; Jane married Chas. Mills, by wife, Jane (8), had Jane (9) and Bertha (9). Chas. Mills and wife lived on a farm in Connecticut. Olive (8) and John had William (9); lived in Boston.

Hope A. (7) b. ; m. John Davis, who was a moulder by trade and afterwards became the founder of the Eagle Stove Foundry, Fall River, Mass., and manufactured stoves and ranges and sinks for a quarter of a century. He died Nov. 7, 1891; had children: Hope Emma (8), m. Joseph S. Provost Jan., 1877, and had Mabel Josephine (9), b. Nov. 14, 1877; Wm. Brockholst (9), b. Aug. 19, 1879; Sarah Davis (9), b. Dec. 20, 1880; he lives on a farm in N. Y.; John Holland (8) by his wife Elizabeth, had no children; he died May 17, 1894, 37 years old; he married Elizabeth Waring. Sarah Bliffins (8), not married. Edith Genevieve (8) married Herbert L. Brown; had children: Herbert Davis (9) b. May 23, 1893; Helen Valentine (9) b. Aug. 19, 1894.

Edmund (7) Davis b. \_\_\_\_\_ ; m. (1) Colestin Wilson; (2) Rhoda Elsbree.

Hannah E. (7) b. \_\_\_\_\_ ; m. Emery Davis; had Hannah Myra (8), m. Robert Miller; lost two sons in infancy. He was a Mason. Hannah died 1886.

(See letter of Hope Davis, Nov. 14, 1898, from Fall River, Mass., to Bliven; and letter of Mabel J. Provost, Steep Brook, Nov. 11, 1898.)

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Of Phillip (6th), son of Joseph 5, Job. 4, John 3, John 2, John 1. Born Jan. 28, 1810, at Thorndike, Maine; in 1830 married Mary Bagley of Troy, Maine, who was born Dec. 15, 1810, at Durham, Maine. He was a farmer, resided at Thorndike, Maine; where both he and his wife died and are buried. They had eleven children:

Louise Blethen b. Aug. 26, 1830; m. Aug. 27, 1848, Samuel S. Collier; she died July 19, 1880; he married (1) Almira String and had five children; by second marriage had three children. He died Sept. 15, 1874. Children: Geo. P. Collier b. June 3, 1849; Phillip Asbury Collier b. June 11, 1850; Arthur Delmont Collier b. April —.

Cyntha Blethen b. Oct. 22, 1831; m. Nov. 27, 1848, Chas. H., son of Noah and Hannah (Gammon) Webb, b. April 3, 1820; died May 20, 1880; she resides with her son at 714 Benton St., Rockford, Ill. Had eight children: Alden B. Webb, b. Jan. 26, 1850; Mary B. Webb, b. Oct. 3, 1851; Albert W. Webb, b. Dec. 1, 1853; Jeanette S. Webb, b. April 8, 1856; Chas. F. Webb, b. Dec. 15, died Dec. 24, 1865; Frank L. Webb, b. July 31, 1860; Geo. P. Webb, b. Dec. 28, 1867; Katie G. Webb, b. May 15, 1869.

Rosetta W. b. July 10, 1833; m. Aug. 18, 1855, to John C., son of Stephen and Esther (Chase) Hussey, who was born in Unity, Maine, April 2, 1828; a farmer; residence Shermans Mills, Aroostock Co., Maine; had eight children: Clara M., b. Thorndike, July 21, 1856; Geo. S., b. Unity, Oct. 14, 1858; Sylvanus P., b. Oakfield, Oct. 13, 1861; Carrie M., b. Oakfield, Feb. 3, 1864; Arthur C., b. Oakfield, Feb. 8, 1866; Edna A., b. Oakfield, Feb. 18, 1868; Frank B., b. Oakfield, May 4, 1870; Percy R., b. Oakfield, May 2, 1872.

Geo. B. Blethen b. July 29, 1835; m. Oct. 10, 1861, to Marcia V., daughter of Alfred and Samantha Gerrish, b. June 5, 1840. He died June 12, 1869. His wife married Thomas Blethen; had two children.

Helena Blethen b. Aug. 9, 1837; m. March 14, 1856, to Thos. R. Clement; b. March 29, 1824; she died June 28, 1863; he married again and died April 19, 1871. The last wife resides at Forge Valley, Mass.; had three children: Marcia Clement, b. Feb. 7, 1857; married; Mabel Clement b. Oct. 1, 1858; Core Clement b. Dec. 13, 1860.

Philip Blethen b. June 22, 1839; m. Dec. 7, 1871, to Marcia P., daughter of Sumner and Francis E. Hunt, b. Nov. 2, 1853; residence Thorndike Station, Thorndike; had five children.

Orzilla Blethen b. Aug. 9, 1841; m. (1) June 2, 1861, to George Gilchrist; died Andersonville, Aug. 5, 1866; m. (2) Dec. 14, 1869, to Warren C. Hadley; died Jan. 26, 1873; m. (3) Oct. 4, 1875, to Atwood W. Harding; m. (4) June 29, 1879, to Geo. W. Cookson; residence Unity; had three children: Ada May Gilchrist, b. May 14, 1862; Treasure D. Hadley, b. March 2, 1871; Lawrence J. Hadley, b. Jan. 29, 1873.

(See letter of Phillip (7th) to Bliven, from Thorndike, Maine, Jan. 10, 1899.)

Of Alden (6th), son of Joseph 5, Job 4, John 3, John 2, John 1. Born Jan. 13, 1814, at Thorndike, Maine; m. Abigail Lamson, April 25, 1837, daughter of James Lamson and Mary Davidson. She born July 11, 1818. Residence Thorndike. He died at Knox, Nov. 24, 1848. She is still living at Newton Junction, N. H., at the age of 81 years. She married the second time to Reuben Gould of Boston, who died 1890. Children:

Francis Ellen b. April 25, 1838; m. Sept. 2, 1855, to Geo. E., son of Benjamin F. and Maria (Robinson) Linkfield, b. Jan. 29, 1832, a merchant. Residence Elgin, Illinois. Had two children: Ralph Ernest Linkfield, b. April 10, 1858; Wm. George, b. Aug. 31, 1862.

Allen b. Feb. 4, 1840; m. Oct. 24, 1867, to Mary R., daughter of Chas. and Emeline P. Q. (Sacket) Hoyt, b. Sept. 16, 1846; residence Erie, Pa.; had six children.

Chas. Edward Blethen b. May 12, 1842; died Feb. 18, 1865.

James Lamson Blethen b. March 14, 1844; m. April 12, 1865, to Ellen M., daughter of Joseph and Arabella (Mitchell) Woods, b. Jan. 16, 1845; a salesman; residence Erie; had five children; dead.

Alden J. Blethen b. Dec. 27, 1845; m. March 12, 1869, to Rose A., daughter of David F. and Lydia Ann (Belcher) Hunter, b. Sept. 13, 1846.

Arabel Blethen b. March 19, 1847; m. Oct. 2, 1870, to Mark, son of Albion Keith Parris and Almira (Cunningham) Hatch, b. Jan. 12, 1847; residence St. Paul. Had three children: Abbie Mira Hatch, b. April 17, 1872; Frankie Bell, b. March 5, 1874; Helen May, b. May 1, 1875.

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Of David (6th), son of Stephen 5, John 4, John 3, John 2, John 1. Born May 20, 1819; married Octava Blethen



of Durham, Maine. Died January 4, 1892, in Topsfield, Mass. They had children:

Mahala b.

Etta b.

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Of Dexter (6th), son of Stephen 5, John 4, John 3, John 2, John 1. Born Nov. 4, 1817. Married Charlotte Davis of Lewiston, Maine, where they lived. He is dead. They had children: Frederick, Flora and Florence.

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Of John Nelson (6th), son of Stephen 5, John 4, John 3, John 2, John 1. Born Aug. 14, 1820, at Lisbon, Maine; died at Burlington, Vermont, July 28, 1881. He remained at home until of age, helping his father on the farm. Married Mary Jane Cobb of Windham, Maine, Nov. 20, 1843. They had children:

Sarah Melissa b. Lowell, Mass., Sept. 23, 1845; m. Horace B. Willard, Nov. 12, 1869.

Mary Dianna b. Burlington, Vermont, July 30, 1849; died Nov. 23, 1902; m. Nov. 23, 1869, to Sidney E. Russell, and they had children: Stella E., b. at Potsdam, N. Y., Dec. 14, 1870, m. George Root Dec. 7, 1889; Maud B. b. Burlington, Vermont, Aug. 3, 1875; m. Stanton Williams Jan. 7, 1903; Mary E. b. Burlington, Feb. 6, 1877; m. Dr. Frank Falby April 29, 1903.

Clara A. b. Burlington, Vermont, Nov. 18, 1851; not married.

Helen Augusta b. Burlington, Vermont, Aug. 3, 1857; married May 26, 1886; to Dr. H. L. Stebbins, and died May 8, 1893.

Cora and Fred b. Oct. 6, 1859; died in infancy.

Cora b. Burlington, Vt., Oct. 22, 1861; not married; book-keeper and stenographer.

(See postal and letter from Mrs. S. M. (Blethen) Cotton, Boxford, Mass., May and June, 1899.)

In 1841 John Nelson Blethen removed to Lowell, Mass., where he secured employment as second overseer in the spinning department of the Middlesex Corporation Woolen Mills, under the agency of James Cook.

On Nov. 20, 1843, he married Mary Jane Cobb of Windham, Maine.

In 1845 he removed to Winooski, Vt., and engaged with the woolen mills in that town as overseer in the spinning department, where he was employed for fourteen years.

In 1859, owing to financial difficulty of the firm, he was obliged to secure other business, and he thought the time had come for him to start in for himself. He went into the axle business with another party, putting all that he had in it, and more too, for an entire new equipment.

On the very night of the day in which he was well started and ready for business, fire destroyed the building and all the machinery, leaving him many dollars worse off than nothing, as he had no insurance. He was planning for insurance the next day, but alas! was one day too late.

His partner immediately went into bankruptcy, but John Nelson's honesty and pride would not allow him to do it, and as far as I have been able to learn (although it was before I was born), he paid one hundred cents on a dollar out of his hard earnings later on. I believe in honesty myself, but in this case I think he would have been justified in taking the same course his partner did, as I believe a man's first duty is always to his family.

He then moved to Burlington, Vt., and secured employment with the Barnes, Davis Lumber Co., where he had

full charge of the shipping department, and remained in that business until his death, July 28, 1881. So writes Cora Blethen, daughter of John Nelson 6th.

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Of Zebulon Blake (6th), son of Stephen 5, John 4, John 3, John 2, John 1. Born in Lisbon, Maine, Nov. 13, 1827; died March 20, 1900. Married Sarah J. Chick of Elliott, Maine, July 31, 1854. They had children:

Charles Henry b. Lewiston, Maine, March 19, 1856.

Chester Herbert b. Lewiston, Maine, Nov. 16, 1858.

Ella Louise b. Lewiston, Dec. 30, 1862; m. William K. Sanderson, Oct. 8, 1884.

(See letter of Mrs. William K. Sanderson (nee Ella Louise Blethen), 94 Neal St., Portland, Me., 19—.)

Zebulon Blake Blethen enlisted at Lewiston, Me., as First Lieutenant of Company G., First Maine Cavalry, Oct. 24, 1861. The company remained at Augusta during the winter, going into active service in the spring of 1862. On April 13, 1862, he was thrown from his horse while in charge of a wagon train about three miles from Warren-ton Junction, Va., and his hip and shoulder injured. He was carried to a private house on Capitol Hill, where he received medical treatment. As soon as he was able to travel he was given leave of absence for thirty days, after which he was returned to light duty. On August 14, 1862, he was appointed captain of Company G., First Regiment of Cavalry Maine Volunteers, by Gov. Israel Washburn Jr. of Maine. On Sept. 4, 1862, he was detailed with Company G. as Gen. Reno's bodyguard, and was with Gen. Reno at the time he was killed. He then reported to Gen. Burnside, remaining with him until about Nov. 20, 1862. On Nov. 30, 1862, on account of ill health resulting from

injuries, he was obliged to resign from service. On Feb. 16, 1864, he entered service again in charge of Company H., First D. C. Cavalry. In April, 1864, he was detailed with fifty men of Company H. to help garrison Fort Porido near Petersburg, Va. On June 5, 1864, he was in the battle of the Wilson and Karts raid against the Weldon and Danville railroad, at which he received a severe sunstroke and was carried off the field unconscious. He was in the Officers' Hospital at Annapolis, Md., until Oct. 10, 1864, after which he reported to Col. A. R. Root at Annapolis. He was in active service until he was honorably discharged Jan. 15, 1865."

(The above account is from his daughter, Mrs. William K. Sanderson, 94 Neal St., Portland, Me.)

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Of Andrew R. (6th), son of Stephen 5, John 4, John 3, John 2, John 1. Born June 12, 1832; living at Lynn, Mass. Married Jennie E. Cotton of Troy, Maine; died April 16, 1885. They had children:

Ernest Nelson b. Nov. 13, 1871.

Georgia May b. Feb. 22, 1875.

Frank Walton b. June 17, 1877; died March 29, 1878.

Walter Howard b. March 10, 1879.

Edgar b. Feb. 19, 1885.

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Of James (6th), son of Benjamin 5, Increase 4, John 3, John 2, John 1. Born in Bath, Maine, 1822; still living at Spooner, Wis. Married to (1) Anna J. Kent, of Plymouth, Maine. Children:

Benjamin Wm. b. 1847; lives at Spooner, Wis.; married Mary Mann; had issue, Edgar Blethen.

James' (6th) second wife was Lydia S. Perry of Yarmouth, N. S., by whom he had issue, as follows:

Sarah Morrell, who married Abner C. Beam, of Spooner, Wis.; dead; had children: Floyd, Mrytle, Goldie, Elmer and Lillian.

George H. b. at Yarmouth, N. S., Aug. 2, 1860; married Margaret Mary Edwards of Mondy, W. Va.; had issue: Maggie and Laura.

—————, another brother.

Laura Eaton, m. Benjamin Harper, Ashland, Wis., had issue: Howard and Bernard.

Jesse W.; m. Rose Ashley.

(See letter and record furnished by Mrs. Louise J. Roberts heretofore referred to. See letter of George H. above named, dated Aug. 16, 1898, from Portsmouth, Ohio, to Bliven.)

Of Daniel (7th), son of George 6, James 5, John 4, John 3, John 2, John 1. Born March 4, 1829. They had children:

Alonzo b.

Ella b.

Of Wendell G. (7th), son of George 6, James 5, John 4, John 3, John 2, John 1. Born Dec. 31, 1830. Married Sept. 3, 1855. They had children:

Clara Alma b. May 2, 1857; m. Nov. 14, 1877; died April 2, 1898.

Herbert W. b. Aug. 3, 1867, Brunswick, Maine; m. Sept. 10, 1890, to Emma T. Sharpe, of Brooklyn, Conn.

Of Waitsell D. (7th), son of George 6, James 5, John 4,

John 3, John 2, John 1. Born July 5, 1838. They had children:

Harry W. b. Feb. 5, 1865; m. Nov. 29, 1890.

Cheume M. b. Oct. 20, 1870; m. March 28, 1891; died June 10, 1896.

Ida Belle b. Dec. 6, 1876.

Iva Delle b. Dec. 6, 1876.

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Of Joseph (7th), son of Reuben 6, James 5, John 4, John 3, John 2, John 1. Born Feb. 17, 1814. Married Eliza Snell Nov. 4, 1838; she born Aug. 7, 1816. He died in Minnesota, July 19, 1883; buried at Walnut Grove, Minn. They had children:

Charles E. b. at La Grange, Maine, about Feb. 24, 1845.

Lives at Walnut Grove, Minn.; m. Aurilla Ellsworth, Nov. 8, 1863; she was born July 12, 1843. By this marriage had a daughter and son. Aurilla died in Wisconsin. He married the second time on Nov. 1, 1870, to Patience J. Howard and had four sons by her. Patience was born Oct. 9, 1850, and died May 3, 1888. His son by Aurilla (his first wife) was C. Edwin, who was born Sept. 8, 1865, and died May 13, 1888. The four sons were:

Fred H. b. Aug. 1, 1871, and lived in Minnesota, near his father.

Albert W. b. Jan. 10, 1873.

Frank R. b. Oct. 16, 1874.

George C. b. Nov. 6, 1876; died Jan. 2, 1877.

Charles E. married his third wife, Zenah A. Beers, on Feb. 21, 1889; she was born Aug. 11, 1847.

(See letter of Mrs. Eliza Blethen, Sept. and Nov., 1898, to Bliven, from Springfield, Ill.)

Of Henry K. (7th), son of Reuben 6, James 5, John 4, John 3, John 2, John 1. Born Oct. 17, 1819, and lives at Tracey, Minn. Married Mercy Robinson in Maine; she died in 1891 in Tracey, Minn. They left Maine and moved to Fon du Lac, Wis., then to Rochester, Minn.; then to Tracey, Minn., in 1878. In 1899 Henry K. was living with his son at Tracey, Minn. They had children:

Francis Amendus b. Dec., 1844; m. Mary Amanda Brockett of Rochester; lives at Tracey, Minn.

Otis A. C. b. ; m. Helen Martin in Rochester.

Rose b. ; died in infancy.

Caspar Everett b. ; lived in Stewartsville, Minn., and had two children, Belle and Archie.

Henry Leslie b. ; m. (1) Ida Van Huesen, one child by her called Ralph; m. (2) and lives in Milwaukee, Wis.

Belle b. ; m. Wm. H. Hines of Rochester, Minn.; now dead.

(See letter of Otis A. Blethen, Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 23, 1898. See letter of Geo. F. Blethen, Mankato, Wis., March 12, 1899.)

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Of Abel (7th), son of Reuben 6, James 5, John 4, John 3, John 2, John 1. Born Sept. 22, 1822. Married Rebecca Resacet. Died Oct., 1849. Children:

Nellie E. b. ; m. Frank Blackburn.

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Of Isaac D. (7th), son of Isaac 6, James 5, John 4, John 3, John 2, John 1. Born Dec. 10, 1820. Married Julia Elder, of Dexter, Maine. They had children:

Florence b. 1859; not married.

Nettie b. 1863; not married.

(See letter of Alphonso G. Blethen, Dover, Maine, April 3, 1899, to Bliven.)

Of Jonas L. (7th), son of Isaac 6, James 5, John 4, John 3, John 2, John 1. Born April 3, 1822. Married Mary Downing. Died in Nevada. They had children:

Charles b. 1862.

Edward b. 1868.

(See letter of Alphonso G. Blethen, Dover, Maine, April 3, 1899.)

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Of James (7th), son of Isaac 6, James 5, John 4, John 3, John 2, John 1. Born Dover, Maine, June 25, 1828. Married twice and has children:

Howard W. b. ; lives at Dover, N. H.

Ella b. ; m. A. J. Sterling, Dover, N. H.

James E., Jr. b. ; lives at Truckee, Cal.

Chas. M. b. ; Lives at Oakland, Cal.

Frank M. b. ; lives at Oakland, Cal.

G. W. A. b. ; lives at Oakland, Cal.

L. L. b. ; m. Mr. Leighton, Dover, N. H.

A. M. b. ; m. March 8, 1899, to Geo. A. Scott,  
Oakland, Cal.

Sarah E. b. ; m. F. D. Dolbier, Oakland, Cal.

(See letter of above named James E. Blethen, East Oakland, Cal., March 12, 1899, to Bliven; also letter of Mrs. Ella Sterling, Dover, N. H., July 13, 1898, daughter of James, above named.)

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Of William D. (7th), son of Isaac 6, James 5, John 4, John 3, John 2, John 1. Born March 12, 1831. Married Mary C. They had children:

Walter H. b. 1859.

Howard W. b. 1862; he is a jeweler.



Of Alphonse G. (7th), son of Isaac 6, James 5, John 4, John 3, John 2, John 1. Born Dover, Maine, Jan. 12, 1834. Married Feb., 1861, to Martha J. Rockwell; she born Jan. 1, 1837, in Dover, Maine. He is a jeweler, living in Dover, Maine. They had children:

Frank W. b. Dover, Maine, Jan. 1, 1862.

Annie L. b. Dover, Maine, June 12, 1866; m. B. S. Clarke.

Edith M. b. Dover, Maine, Jan. 31, 1869.

(See letter of above named Alphonse G. Blethen, Dover, Maine, April 3, 1899, to Bliven.)

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Of Henry (7th), son of Isaac 6, James 5, John 4, John 3, John 2, John 1. Born Aug. 11, 1836; jeweler in Dexter, Maine; called Doctor or Dock by his family, because of his being seventh son in succession. Married Helena A. Turner. They had children:

Ralph b.

(See letter of Alphonse G. Blethen, Dover, Maine, April 3, 1899.)

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Of Benjamin William (7th), son of James 6, Benjamin 5, Increase 4, John 3, John 2, John 1. Born 1847; lives at Spooner, Wis. Married Mary Mann. Children:

Edgar Blethen b.

Married second time and had more children.

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Of George H. (7th), son of James 6, Benjamin 5, Increase 4, John 3, John 2, John 1. Born at Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, Aug. 2, 1860. Married Mary M. Edwards, Mundy, W. Va., Oct. 4, 1884. They live at Olympia, Va. They had children:

Lydia Margaret b. June 10, 1886, at Akron, Ohio.  
Laura Isabelle b. Oct. 13, 1894, at Mundy, W. Va.

(See Geo. H.'s letter, Portsmouth, Ohio, Aug. 18, 1898,  
to Bliven of N. Y.)

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Of George Washington (7th), son of Chandler 6, Isaac 5, Job 4, John 3, John 2, John 1. He married Evelyn B. Sanborn; she died and was buried in Winterport, Me. He died Oct., 1871, in Winterport, Maine, and buried there. Children:

Noah S. b. May 20, 1869; m. Eugene Grant.

Geo. W. b. May 22, 1871.

(See letter of G. Washington Blethen, Clark Island, Knox Co., Me., Jan. 4, 1899, to Wm. W. Bliven.)

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Of John (7th), son of Chandler 6, Isaac 5, Job 4, John 3, John 2, John 1. Born July 5, 1843. Married Mary J. Durgin; she born Oct. 15, 1844; died Sept. 13, 1893; interred at Rockland, Maine. Children:

George H. b. April 2, 1865; m. Sept. 26, 1888, to Marietta S. Rawson; she born Sept. 26, 1864.

(See letters of Geo. H. Blethen, Clark Island, Knox Co., Maine, Jan. 4, 1899, to Bliven.)

George H. is nephew of George W.

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Of Elbridge (7th), son of John 6, James 5, John 4, John 3, John 2, John 1. Born Jan. 29, 1814; living at Lisbon Falls, Maine. Married Olive Coffin, March 27, 1857. They had children:

Jennie L. b. Dec. 25, 1873; m. Chas. H. Earle, Aug. 29, 1893. Have two sons, Carleton and Myron.

Of Samuel Valentine (7th), son of Samuel Valentine 6, Valentine 5, Nathaniel 4, Nathaniel 3, John 2, John 1. Married Elizabeth Wilson (1st wife); married (2nd) Jane Borden. He had all his children by his first wife; he died Nov., 1894, at the age of 68 years. Had children:

Frank Samuel (8th). They had Frank A. C. (9th); married Jennie ————. Had two other sons, who probably died in infancy.

(See letter of Mabel H. Provost, Steep Brook, Mass., Nov. 11, 1898, to Bliven.)

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Of Edmund Davis Bliffins (7th), son of Samuel Valentine 6, Valentine 5, Nathaniel 4, Nathaniel 3, John 2, John 1. Married Celestine Davis (1st wife); married Rhoda Elsbree (2nd wife). By Celestine had:

Georgiana (8th), who married Hathaway and had Bertha (9th); Georgiana died in 1898.

By second wife, Rhoda, had:

Charles (8th), who married and had one son.

Marietta (8th)

Edmund (8th)

Susan (8th)

(See letter of Mabel Josephine Provost, Steep Brook, Mass., Nov. 11, 1898, to Bliven.)

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Of Henry Frederick (7th), son of Clark 6, Levi 5, Ichabod 4, Samuel 3, John 2, John 1. Born in Phippsburg, Me., Oct. 20, 1853; married Abbie A. Bradford at Salem Depot, N. H., March 17, 1878. They had children:

Viola Costella b. Salem Depot, N. H., Nov. 26, 1878.

Henry Morgan b. Salem Depot, N. H., March 11, 1891.

Mona Amoreal b. Salem Depot, July 7, 1893.

Of Dana Howard (7th), son of Samuel Byron 6, James 5, Increase 4, John 3, John 2, John 1. Born March 21, 1869, at Natick, Mass. Married Edith I. Cann, Feb. 7, 1892. Live at Somerville, Mass. Have child:  
Earle Ross b.

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Of William (7th), son of Ebenezer 6, John 5, John 4, John 3, John 2, John 1. Born at Lisbon, Maine, Oct. 29, 1833. Married April 4, 1860, to Deborah J. Folsom; she born Cambridge, Maine, Sept. 11, 1839. He died April 27, 1892, in Bradford, Maine. They had ten children, of whom eight were living on Sept 28, 1898:

Everett W.; lives at Bradford, Maine.

Charles L.; lives at Maltby, Washington.

Andy R.; lives at East Bangor, Maine.

Harry; Auburn, Maine; m. Edith M. Jones of Auburn, Maine, Nov. 14, 1896; no children.

Willie B.; Dexter, Maine.

Lester J. and Walter, twins; East Bradford, Maine.

Etta S.; East Bradford, Maine.

(See letter of widow, Deborah J. Blethen, to Bliven, Sept. 28, 1898; and Harry Blethen, Auburn, Me., Aug. 21, 1898.)

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Of Allen (7th), son of Alden 6, Joseph 5, Job 4, John 3, John 2, John 1. Born Feb. 14, 1840. Married Oct. 24, 1867, to Mary R., daughter of Chas. and Emeline P. (Sacket) Hoyt; born Sept. 16, 1846; residence Erie, Pa. Six children:

Bertha Josephine b. July 7, 1870.

Courtney Haven b. Sept. 22, 1872.

Eva Jane b. June 21, 1879.

Charles Allen b. May 30, 1875.

Joseph Rockwell b. Oct. 5, 1883.

Harold Benjamin b. March 20, 1886; died May 5, 1887.

(See Allen's letter from Newton Junction, N. H., A. D. 189—; also Oct. 9, 1898. See letter of Courtney H. Blethen, son of said Allen, Haverhill, Mass., Aug. 15, 1898, to Bliven. Courtney refers Bliven to Allen, his father, and to his (Courtney's) uncle, A. J., in Seattle, Wash., for information.)

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Of James Lamson Blethen (7th), son of Alden 6, Joseph 5, Job 4, John 3, John 2, John 1. Born March 14, 1844. Married April 12, 1866, to Ellen M., daughter of Joseph and Arabelle (Mitchell) Woods; born Jan. 16, 1845, a salesman; residence Erie, Pa. Had five children:

Chas E. b. Jan. 13, 1867.

Francis E. b. Oct. 12, 1868.

Arthur E. b. Aug. 2, 1870.

Edith Bell b. Sept. 15, 1876.

Eugene Hale b. July 28, 1879.

One more daughter, Cora Scott, Erie, Pa.

(See J. L., above named, letters from Erie, Pa., March 8, 1896.)

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Of Alden Joseph Blethen (7th), son of Alden 6, Joseph 5, Job 4, John 3, John 2, John 1. Born Dec. 27, 1845; married March 12, 1869, to Rose A., daughter of David and Lydia Ann (Belcher) Hunter; born Sept. 13, 1846. Children:

Alden Joseph b. April 16, 1870; managing editor of The Seattle Daily Times.

Clarence B. b. Feb. 1, 1879; with his father on The Seattle Daily Times.

Florence Adelaide b. Sept. 11, 1881.

Marion Rose b. Jan. 9, 1884.

Alden J. was left an orphan at the age of three years, brought up on a farm. At the age of sixteen taught a country school. Age seventeen, took a four years' course of study at Kents Hill, Me., and graduated with high honor at twenty-one. Then studied law with Davis & Drummond two years at Portland, Me. Just before he had completed his course he was elected principal of the North School. At the age of twenty-three he leased and managed successfully the famous Abbotts Family School for boys at "Little Blue," Farmington, Me. Was admitted to the bar September, 1873. 1874-1880 practiced law at Portland, Me., winning distinction in both civil and criminal cases. Celebrated criminal case was the acquittal of Dr. C. H. Witham in 1879. In 1880 his health gave way and he went West. Located at Kansas City, where he managed the Kansas City Journal. In 1884 he purchased the Minneapolis Tribune, as half owner of the paper. In November, 1885, he purchased the Minneapolis Evening Journal. In 1872 he received the degree of M. A. from Bowdoin College, in consideration of his success as a teacher. Was elected trustee of the Wesleyan Seminary and Female College at Kents Hill, Readfield, Me. In 1882 he donated \$2,500 to the "Blethen Hall," which cost \$10,000.00. He is now Editor-in-Chief of The Seattle Daily Times.

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Of Geo. B. Blethen (7th), son of Phillip 6, Joseph 5, Job 4, John 3, John 2, John 1. Born July 29, 1835. Married Oct. 10, 1861, to Marcia V., daughter of Alfred and Samantha Gerish; born June 5, 1840; he died June 12, 1869. His wife married his brother, Thomas Blethen. Had two children:

Winfield Scott Blethen b. May 28, 1862.

Tyng F. Blethen b. Dec. 23, 1864.

Thomas Blethen married Marcia V. (Gerish)  
Blethen, widow of his brother, George, Nov.  
6, 1870. His wife resides at Tuscaroro,  
Nevada. No issue.

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Of Phillips Blethen (7th), son of Phillip 6, Joseph 5,  
Job 4, John 3, John 2, John 1. Born June 22, 1839. Mar-  
ried Dec. 7, 1871, to Marcia P., daughter of Sumner and  
Francis E. (Hunt) Hunt; born Nov. 2, 1853; residence,  
Thorndike Station, Thorndike. Had five children:

Phillip Percy Blethen b. Jan. 11, died Oct. 2, 1874.

Grace E. Blethen b. Aug. 3, 1876; died June 5, 1880

Donald Blethen b. July 3, 1878; died June 13, 1880.

Mary P. Blethen b. Nov. 27, 1879.

Francis E. b. April 18, 1883.

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Of Anson, Jr. (7th), son of Anson 6, Valentine 5, Na-  
thaniel 4, Nathaniel 3, John 2, John 1. He changed his  
name to Bliven when a young man while crossing the At-  
lantic ocean, meeting a man by the name of Harry Bliven  
on board the same vessel. Born Aug. 12, 1823. Married  
Mary Myrick Thurston, July, 1845. She died Nov. 7, 1895.  
They had children:

Helen Mary b. March 13, 1848; m. Chas. L. Fischet of  
Nantucket, Sept. 22, 1870.

Charles Avon Blivens; died in infancy.

Frank Henry Blivens b. July 21, 1850; m. Charity Lincoln  
of Norton, Oct. 16, 1879.

Anson Blethen was mate and afterwards captain of a  
sailing vessel. He was educated at Middletown Academy,  
Mass. He was born in Fall River, and died in southern  
California.

Of Chas. Appleton (7th), son of Appleton 6, Isaiah 5, Job 4, John 3, John 2, John 1. Born in Thorndike, Maine, March 22, 1852. Living at Haverhill, Mass. Married Delia S., April 29, 1886; she born July 16, 1862. Children: Ralph Waldo b. Haverhill, Mass., July 29, 1888; died July 4, 1889.

Raymond Dudley b. July 17, 1898, Haverhill, Mass.

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Of Francis A. (8th), son of Henry K. 7, Reuben 6, James 5, John 4, John 3, John 2, John 1. Born Dec., 1844. Married Mary Amanda Brockett of Rochester, Minn. Reside in Tracy, Minn. (1899). They had children:

Etta Mary; m. Albert V. Bristow of Canterbury, England, and resides in Minnesota (Tracey).

George F.; lives at Mankato, Minn.

Floyd; died in infancy.

Clarence Morton; in school at Tracey.

(See letter of Geo. F., above named, Mankato, Minn., March 12, 1899, to Bliven.)

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Of Otis A. (8th), son of Henry K. 7, Reuben 6, James 5, John 4, John 3, John 2, John 1. Married Helen Martin in Rochester, Minn. Married (2nd) Miss McMahon. They had children:

Adelbert O.; not married.

Stella M.; married Patton.

Nellie M.; at school (1899).

Madge B.; at school (1899).

(See letters of Otis A., above named, and Geo. F., heretofore named, from Minneapolis, Dec. 23, 1898; the other from Mankato, Minn., March 12, 1899.)



Of Casper Everett (8th), son of Henry K. 7, Reuben 6, James 5, John 4, John 3, John 2, John 1. Lives in Minnesota. Children:

Belle b.

Archie b.

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Of Henry Leslie (8th), son of Henry K. 7, Reuben 6, James 5, John 4, John 3, John 2, John 1. Married Ida Van Huesen of Rochester, Minn.; married the second time and lives at Milwaukee. Children:

Ralph, son of Ida, in school at Rochester, Minn. (1899).

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Of Charles E. (8th), son of Joseph 7, Reuben 6, James 5, John 4, John 3, John 2, John 1. Born at La Grange, Maine, about Feb. 24, 1845; lives at Walnut Grove, Minn. Married Aurilla Ellsworth, Nov. 8, 1863; had a son and daughter; she born July 12, 1843; died in Wisconsin May 10, 1867. Had by this marriage:

C. Edwin (9th) b. Sept. 8, 1865; died May 13, 1888.

Married (2nd) Nov. 1, 1870-2, Patience I. Howard; she born Oct. 9, 1850, and died May 3, 1888, and by this wife had children:

Fred H. (9th) b. Aug. 1, 1871; married and lives in Minnesota, near where his father lives.

Albert W. b. Jan. 10, 1873.

Frank R. b. Oct. 16, 1874.

George C. b. Nov. 6, 1876; died young, Jan. 2, 1877.

Married (3rd) Feb. 21, 1889, to Zenah A. Beers; she born Aug. 11, 1847.

(See Reuben's family bible and letter from O. A. Blethen, heretofore named; Chas. E. Blethen, above, and his 3rd wife, above named.)

Of George H. (8th), son of John 7, Chandler 6, Isaac 5, Job 4, John 3, John 2, John 1. Born April 2, 1865. Married Sept. 26, 1888, to Marietta S. Rawson; she born Sept. 26, 1864. Children:  
Helena H. b. May 28, 1891.  
Gladis V. b. June 12, 1895.

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Of Noah S. (8th), son of G. Washington 7, Chandler 6, Isaac 5, Job 4, John 3, John 2, John 1. Born May 20, 1869. Married Eugene Grant. Children:  
John b.  
Emily b.

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Of Chas. Bliffins (8th), son of Edmund Davis 7, Samuel Valentine 6, Valentine 5, Nathaniel 4, Nathaniel 3, John 2, John 1. Had children:  
A son, \_\_\_\_\_.  
Hannah Emily; m. Philip Evans and had Emily Cybil.  
Mary Marie; m. Frank Brightman and had Frank, Sybil and Louis. Sybil married Frank Read and had son, Frank George.

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Of Frank Samuel Bliffins (8th), son of Samuel Valentine 7, Samuel Valentine 6, Valentine 5, Nathaniel 4, Nathaniel 3, John 2, John 1. Married Jennie. Children:  
Frank A. C.

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Of Herbert W. (8th), son of Wendell 7, George 6, James 5, John 4, John 3, John 2, John 1. Born Aug. 3, 1867, in Brunswick, Maine. Married Sept. 10, 1890, to Emma T. Sharpe, of Brooklyn, Conn. Children:  
Harold T.  
Helen Bernice  
Herbert W., Jr.

Alden Joseph Blethen, Jr., born April 16, 1870, Farmington, Maine. Attended Miss Fuller's school for children in Portland, Me., 1877 to 1880. Attended St. Mary's School for Boys, Kansas City, 1880 to 1883, and Spaulding Commercial College, Kansas City, 1884.

Entered Minneapolis Academy, Minneapolis, Minnesota, January, 1885. Entered preparatory department University of Minnesota September, 1886, and matriculated September, 1887, in the University proper for the classical course, graduating June, 1891. Member of Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity.

After a short experience in commercial lines in Minneapolis, entered journalism in fall of 1893 in that same city, and continued in that occupation until 1896. Then moved to Seattle to join Colonel A. J. Blethen in The Seattle Times. Became Managing Editor, then Associate Editor, and in January, 1909, became Vice President and Business Manager.

Married June 21, 1899, Genevieve, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Foster Swadley; born in Yates City, Illinois.

One child, Alden Aldrich Blethen, born March 9, 1908. Died March 21, 1908.

While Associate Editor on The Times wrote short stories which appeared in standard magazines, the libretto of two comic operas and one play, which were produced on the American stage.

Clarance Brettun Blethen (always known as C. B. Blethen) was born in Portland, Maine, February 1, 1879. He attended the graded and high schools in Minneapolis and took special courses in the University of Washington and the University of Chicago, finishing this portion of his education in 1900. He was taught as a boy to understand the mechanical principles of newspaper work, and by close attention to his father's papers was well grounded in journalism before he left college.

He became News Editor of The Seattle Times in June, 1900. He was made Managing Editor a few years later, and has occupied this position ever since. He has worked in every capacity known to the editorial and news departments of a newspaper and has invented a long series of mechanical processes having to do with printing, photographing and photo-engraving. He has also devised an entirely new system of management as applied to the editorial and news departments of The Times.

C. B. Blethen was first married in 1901 to Frances A. Hall of Seattle, who died July 5th, 1908, leaving two splendid sons, Frances Alden (1904), and Clarence Brettun Blethen 2nd (1906).

He was married again in 1909 to Rachael Florence Kingsley. His third son, Alden Joseph Blethen 3rd, was born in 1910.















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